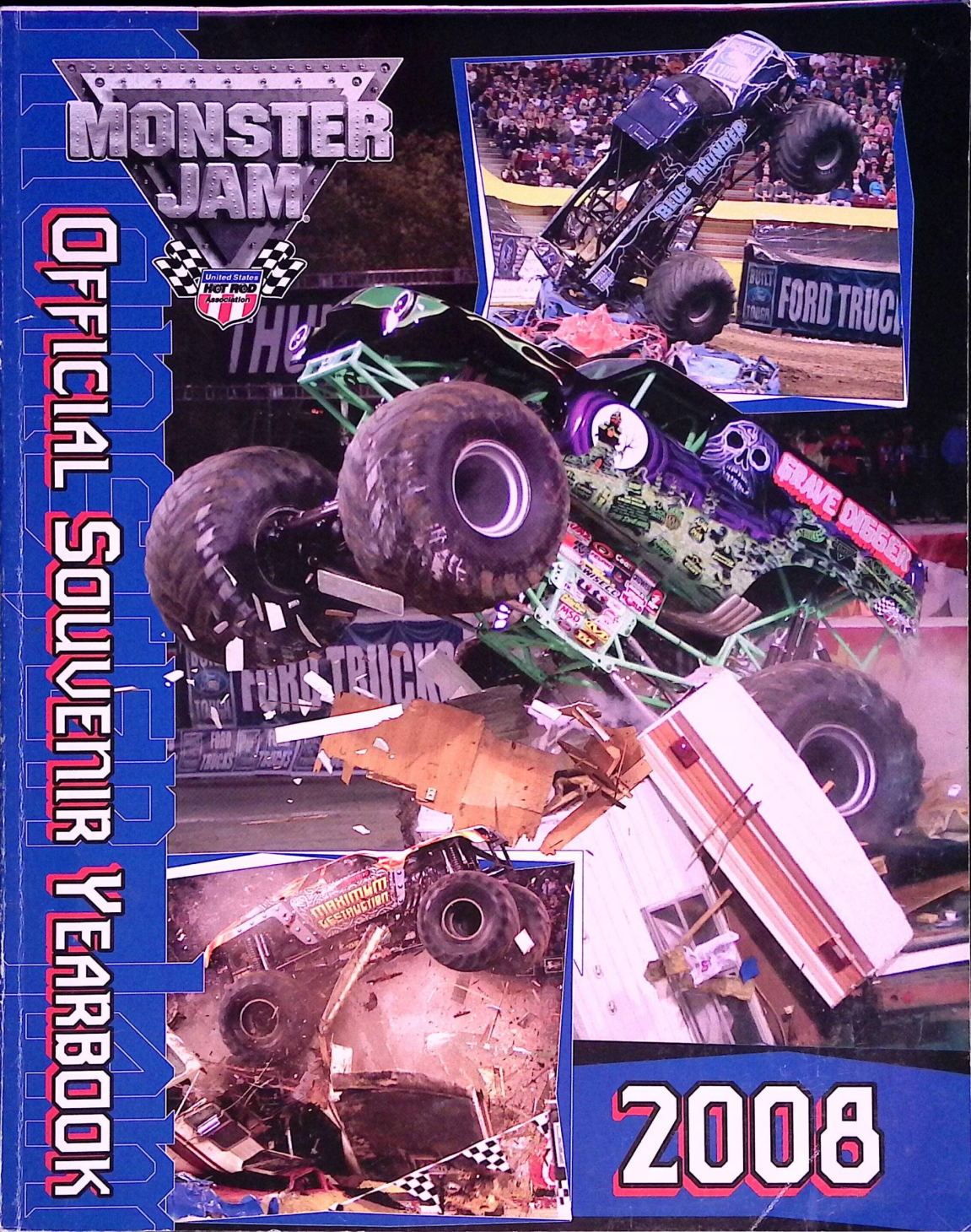
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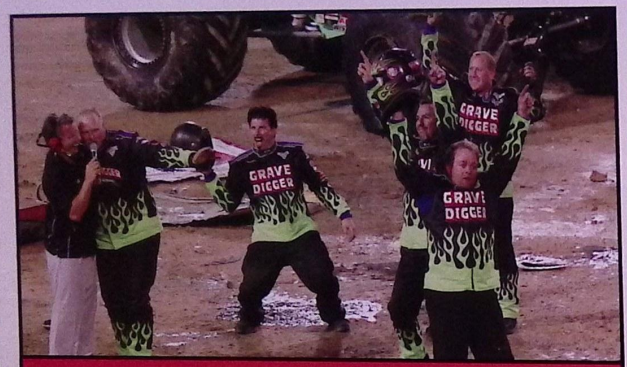

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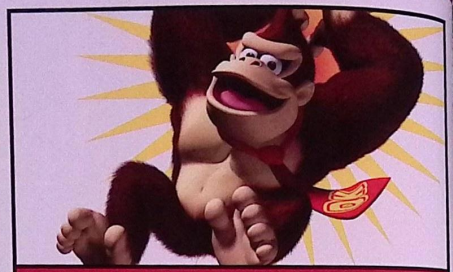

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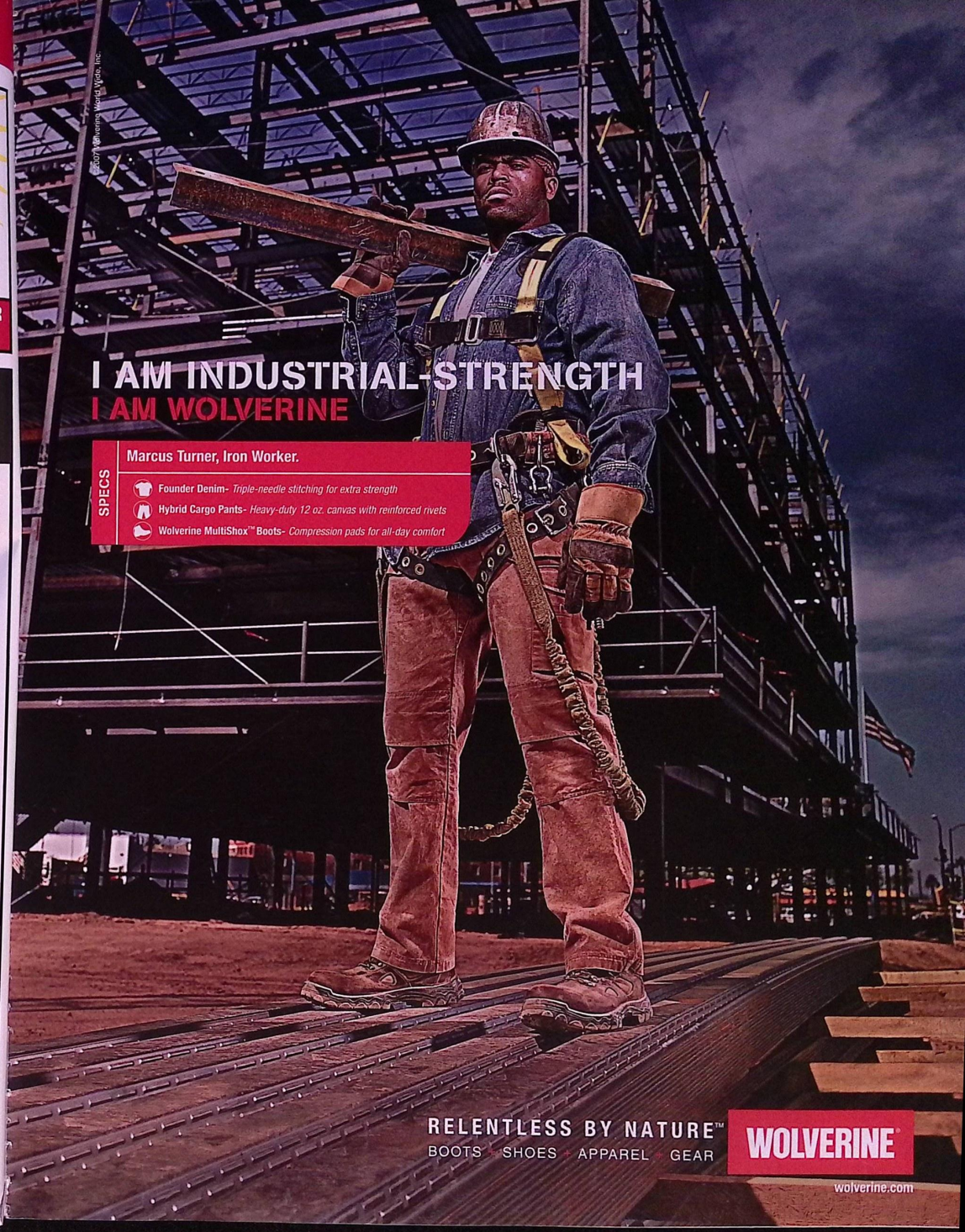

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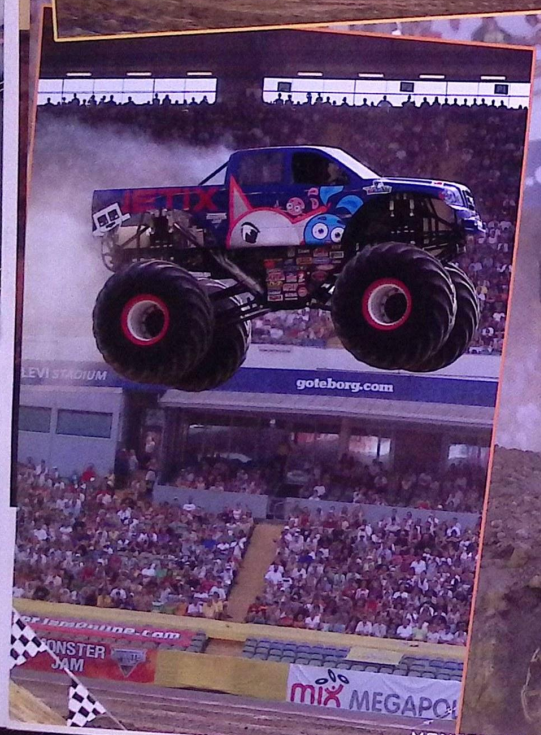
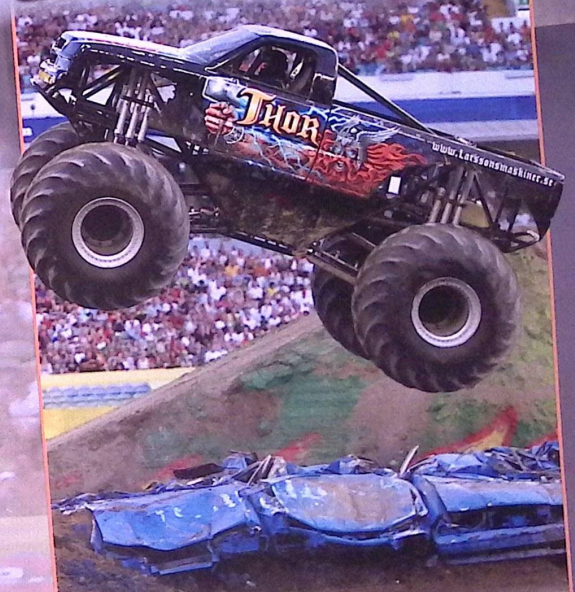
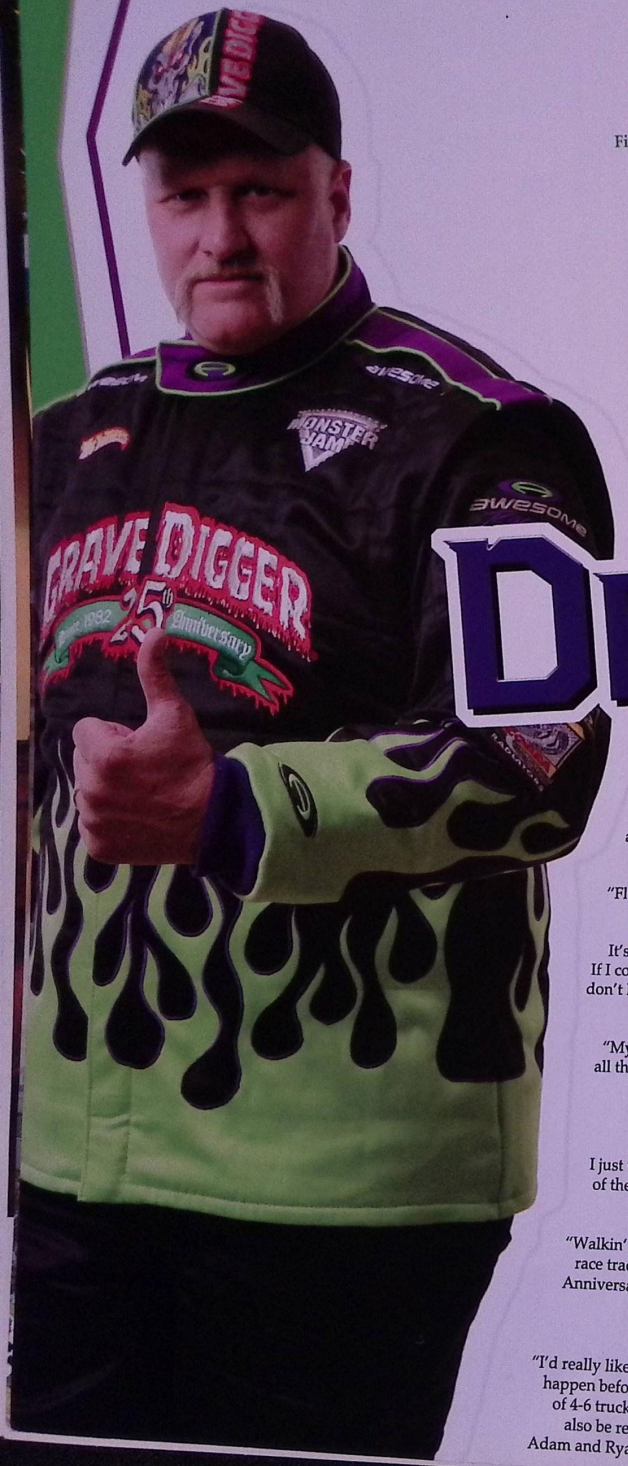
The 2007 Monster Jam European Tour could best be described with one word: Epic! Just a few highlights include the now infamous back flip by Tom Meents in Maximum Destruction; George Balhan lofting the Escalade off the freestyle motocross ramp, soaring over 35 feet vertically in the air and Don Frankish saving Jurassic Attack from disaster as he pivoted, twisted and twirled over and around obstacles for 100 yards. New European monster trucks Thor and Jetix were introduced to adoring fans. Amazing skills and heroic efforts weren't just limited to the drivers, or as the Europeans would say, pilots. The European Monster Jam event team faced and conquered uniquely European "obstacles" of their own every day on the tour; making what they do in the States seem effortless. With record breaking crowds in Holland, capacity attendences at inaugural events in both the United Kingdom and Sweden, and a growing demand for even more tour stops in future years; only one thing is for certain, no matter where in the world this group of monster trucks, drivers and event staff travel, they always produce incredible shows, converting everyone in attendance into a lifelong Monster Jam fan!







Dennis & Tom

Notes & Quotes

Date of Birth: October 24, 1960

Birthplace: Norfolk, Virginia

First Car: 1970 Opel Cadet

First "off-road" Vehicle: 1970 Dodge Power Wagon with 36" tires

Monster Truckin' since: 1982

Monster Jam World Finals Championships:
2000 Freestyle
2004 Racing
2006 Racing

Monster Trucks Driven:
Grave Digger (1982-present)
Mr. Destruction (Houston 2001, New Orleans 2001)

Biggest Rival (Besides Tom!):
Linsey Weenk. Linsey started out strong, smooth and cocky as a newcomer. After that I just think his perfomances faded and everybody tightened up on him. After he got some pressure on him, his skills got a little dim. We'll see what happens in 2008.

Best Newcomer:
"Adam Anderson, my son. I wouldn't say he's following my footsteps, he's making his own. He's trying to outdrive his dad and Tom Meents. He wants to be on the top of the heap already."

Favorite Place to Monster Jam (Besides Vegas!):
"Florida. Tampa and Orlando, just because of the fans. They are my most favorite places to go because they are 4x4, motorhead fans. Really, anyplace down south like Texas or North Carolina. It's a hard choice though, I have my days in every state that I go in. If I come out a champ on top I love that place and if I fall on my face I don't like it that year. It's not being a sore loser, it's being a sad loser."

Favorite Monster Jam highlight:
"My 25th Anniversary. Bringin' old Grandma out of its' graveyard, all the way to Vegas, and then having all the trucks out to encore for all my fans. That was probably the biggest highlight so far."

Biggest Monster Jam accomplishment:
"First time I won Monster Jam World Finals Racing in 2004. I just wanted it more that year than I ever did before and the quality of the trucks had gotten better so it was even tougher competition."

5 year plan:
"Walkin' high on the water, staying on top and making sure I'm on the race track with both of my boys, trying to swing this thing to my 30th Anniversary. I just want the fans to keep loving me like they have been and I'll keep loving on them, that's what keeps this going."

In 5 years Monster Jam will be:
"I'd really like to see wheel-to-wheel racing going on. Hopefully it's gonna happen before I step away from the track, where we are racing in groups of 4-6 trucks at a time on the track. I want some tire-rubbing action! It'll also be really exciting to see what happens the next couple years with Adam and Ryan on the race track, I'm anxious to see those guys together."

Date of Birth: July 10, 1967

Birthplace: Paxton, Illinois

First Car: 1975 Ford 4-wheel drive pickup

First "off-road" Vehicle: 1966 Ford Mustang 4-Wheel drive with 44" tires

Monster Truckin' since: 1993

Monster Jam World Finals Championships:
2000 Racing
2001 Racing & Freestyle
2002 Racing & Freestyle
2004 Freestyle
2006 Freestyle

Monster Trucks Driven:
Monster Patrol (1993-1999)
Bulldozer (1999)
Goldberg (2000-2001)
Team Meents (2002)
Maximum Destruction (2003-present)

Biggest Rival (Besides Dennis!):
"Jimmy Creten, I guess. He had my number for a while there. I know he's fast. You have to make a mistake-free run against him. Tough competitor, tough racing competitor."

Best Newcomer:
"I think Damon Bradshaw showed a lot in his first year. It'll be really interesting to see what happens during his sophomore slump!"

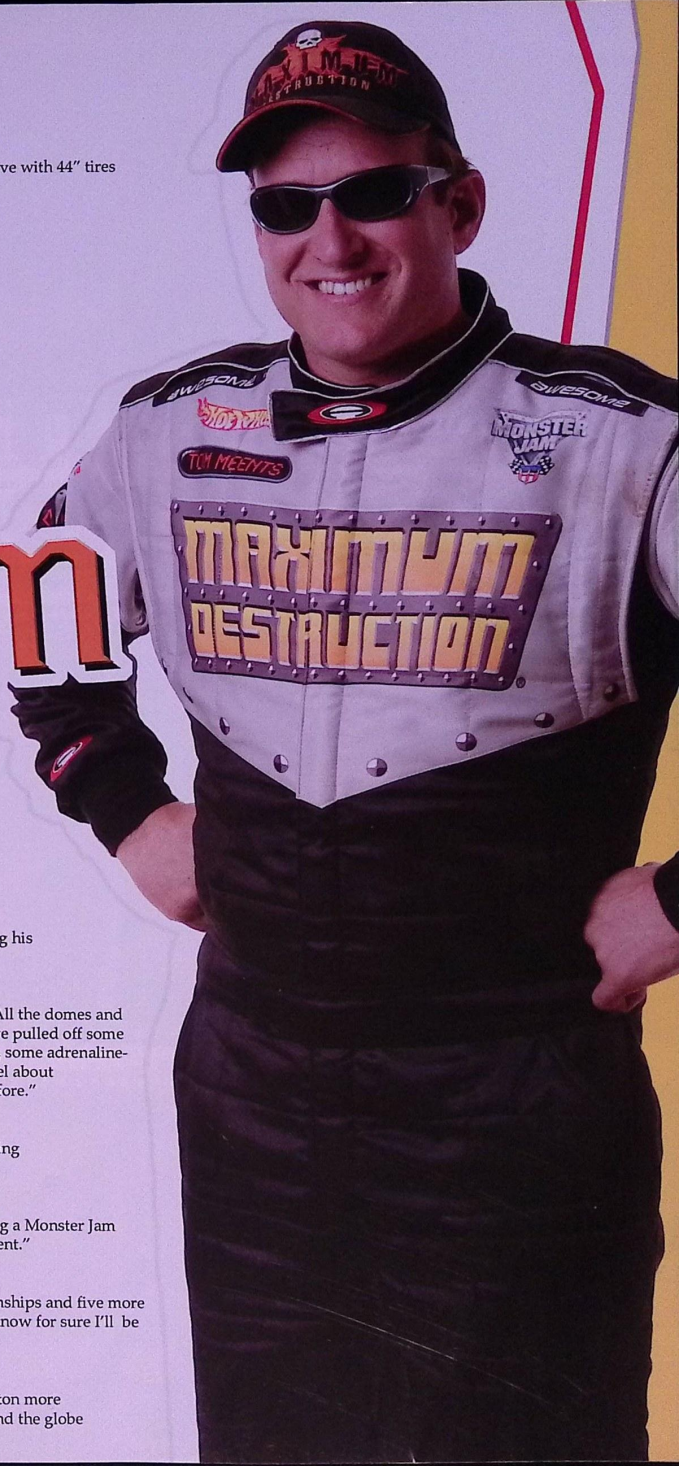
Favorite Place to Monster Jam (Besides Vegas!):
"There's just so many! Such a hard question to answer! All the domes and stadiums, I really love everyone of them, I do. I know I've pulled off some good saves in St. Louis. Freestyle's been good in Atlanta, some adrenaline-pumped runs there. There's a close-to-home, intimate feel about Indianapolis. We've brought the house down in Indy before."

Favorite Monster Jam highlight:
"Having the fans think of me as one of the best. Even being compared to Dennis Anderson is definitely a highlight."

Biggest Monster Jam accomplishment:
"Really and truly, just being able to pay my bills by being a Monster Jam driver. That really is what I consider a big accomplishment."

5 year plan:
"Five more Monster Jam World Finals Racing Championships and five more Monster Jam World Finals Freestyle Championships! I know for sure I'll be driving as hard as ever."

In 5 years Monster Jam will be:
"Known around the world. I think it's gonna grow to a ton more events. Hopefully we'll have this thing as popular around the globe as it is in America."



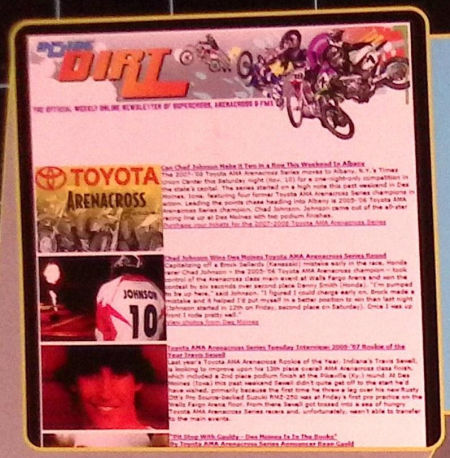
Track Transformation!

Ever wonder how the world's premier football fields become Monster Jam race tracks? There is a lot more to the transformation than dumping a little dirt over the floor. First, you have to determine how to protect the existing turf or grass before construction really begins. That's right; it becomes a true construction site. Two separate teams are needed to make the total transformation. An excavating contractor handles the move-in of the dirt and sculpting the track. Then, the Monster Jam tech staff prepares the non-dirt obstacles and cosmetics.

The demand for great freestyle competitions and the increasingly technical tracks have put more and more demands on the construction. A majority of Monster Jam indoor events happen in the winter while these stadiums are busy with football games. That means the move-in and out process must be quick to go from a football field one week, to a race track the next, and then back to a working football field for week three. Let's take a look at the conversion of Detroit's Ford Field floor from football field to Pit Part

By The Numbers:

- **9,450,000** pounds of dirt (300 truck loads or 4,500 cubic yds)
- **96,000** sq feet of plastic to cover field
- **6,000** sheets of plywood to cover field (3,000 x 2 layers)
- **1300** feet of banners needed to dress the track
- **480** man hours to put down plastic and plywood
- **122** man hours for track construction
- **100** yds of road base (approx. 8 truck loads)
- **80** tuff blocks to dress track
- **60** gallons of paint needed to paint obstacles and track
- **36** hours to tear down the track
- **18** hours to paint logos & designs on track and obstacles.
- **16** crush cars
- **15** dump trucks used
- **11** pieces of heavy machinery
- **6** dumpster barriers
- **4** crush vans (and 2 larger obstacles depending on track)
- **3** days for the entire process from football field to race track



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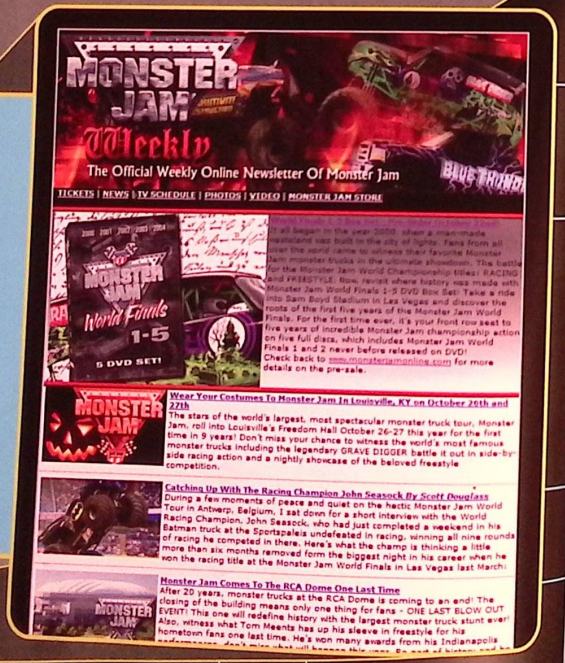

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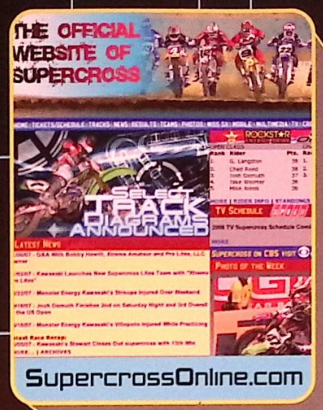

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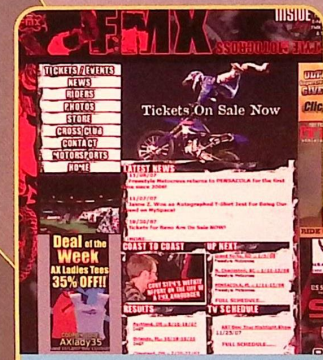

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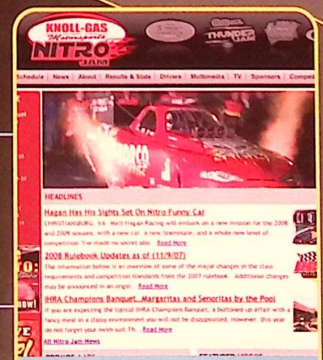

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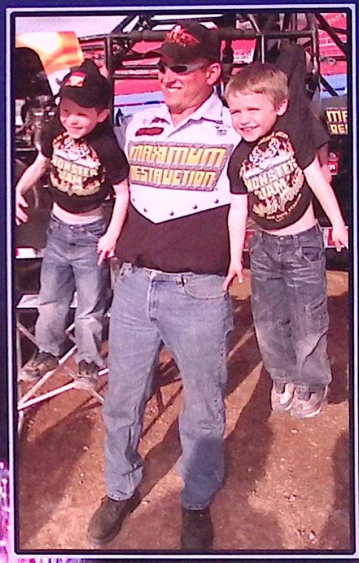

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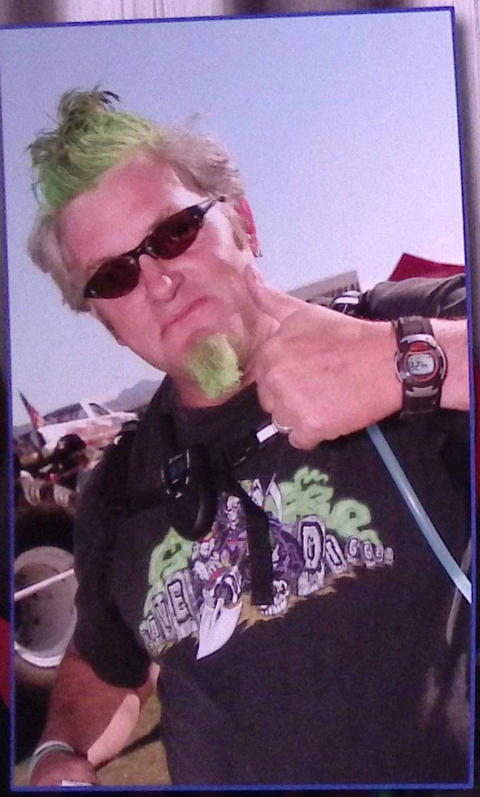


The Best of the Best 2007

Monster Jam Banquet Award Winners

By Scott Douglass

The night after the spectacle of the Monster Jam World Finals, the drivers and crew members, along with their families, put away the drivers' suits and crew uniforms, get all dressed up, and head to the annual Monster Jam Awards Banquet.

Following the 2007 Monster Jam World Finals in Las Vegas, the awards for the Best of the 2007 season were handed out at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. The highlight of the evening's festivities was the official crowning of our two new world champions, both accepting the honor for the first time.

First, 2007 Monster Jam World Finals Racing Champion John Seasock was brought to the stage in a very special and emotional way. Live Nation Motor Sports Vice President Roy Janson introduced Ford Trucks Marketing Manager Todd Eckert to help make the presentation. When the door opened to reveal Eckert, he was standing side-by-side with Seasock's two sons, who couldn't be at the Monster Jam World Finals when their dad drove *Batman* to the top of the Monster Jam mountain.

Unknown to Seasock, Live Nation Motor Sports representatives secretly made arrangements to fly his sons in from Pennsylvania immediately after he won the racing title. The new champ was overwhelmed and shocked to have his sons at the banquet for the formal presentation of his new world championship.

Then, Live Nation Motor Sports Vice President Ken Hudgens presented the championship award to the new Monster Jam World Finals Freestyle Champion, Pablo Huffaker. Huffaker was joined on stage by his wife, Tina, for another emotional acceptance speech reflecting on his first world title after dedicating his life to the sport for more than two decades and finally achieving the ultimate goal in the new Captain's Curse machine.

Along with paying tribute to the new champions, the banquet featured awards for the Best of 2007 in a number of Monster Jam categories. Here is a review of the honorees, along with Huffaker and Seasock, who received the accolades for the best performances of the 2007 Monster Jam season.

Rookie of the Year Award

Winner: **DAMON BRADSHAW** - Clearly he's one of the most impressive rookies that Monster Jam has ever seen. The former Supercross legend came out of his motocross retirement to debut in Minneapolis and looked like, well, a rookie. From that point on, Bradshaw proved to be one of the quickest learners we've seen, soaking up counsel from former Air Force Afterburner driver Paul Cohen as well as the likes of Dennis Anderson and Tom Meents. By late in his rookie season, Bradshaw was a contender at every competition and closed the winter with a strong performance at his Monster Jam World Finals debut, putting the Air Force Afterburner near the top of the standings in the greatest freestyle competition on the planet. His winning mentality transfers nicely from two wheels to four wheels and most feel that Damon will be a top contender for world titles for years. *Other finalists:* Deric Evans; Lenny Kuilder; Bobby Parr; Steve Sims

Best Save

Winner: **TOM MEENTS, MAXIMUM DESTRUCTION, ST. LOUIS, MO** - Year after year, we see some of the best freestyle runs on the massive Edward Jones Dome floor in St. Louis, and 2007 was no exception, highlighted by a marvelous Maximum Destruction performance. One of the real 'wow' moments came when Meents, who had already ripped the entire body off of Max-D during the run, sent the truck high into the air flipping over. It crashed onto the top of the roll cage but bounced back onto two wheels, allowing Meents to power out of the dilemma, get back onto all fours with an amazing save, and continue on with his run. *Other finalists:* Adam Anderson, Grave Digger, Atlanta, GA; Jim Bendzick, Rolling Thunder, Fargo, ND; Jim Koehler, Avenger, Orlando, FL; Lupe Soza, El Toro Loco, Anaheim, CA

Rising Star Award

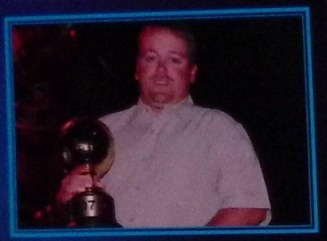
Winner: **JIM BENDZICK** - It is a great honor for one of the true family teams in the sport. Bendzick has patiently worked his way up the Monster Jam ladder for several years to the point where Rolling Thunder has become a top competitor in arena events all over the country. He is now taking advantage of increasing opportunities to compete in the major domed and stadium events on the circuit. Based on his growing success rate, Bendzick's Rolling Thunder team figures to be getting more and more exposure and high-profile opportunities in the future. *Other finalists:* Daron Basl; Marc McDonald; Scott Poirier; John Zimmer

Golden Mic Award

Winner: **(TIE) JIM KOEHLER and KREG CHRISTENSEN** - This award is presented to the driver who turns in the best performance on the microphone, during an interview, and these two were both deserving winners. Koehler was honored for his typical loud, enthusiastic remarks to the crowd in Orlando's Citrus Bowl after his wild freestyle ended with a flipping crash of the Avenger. To no one's surprise, Koehler was jacked up immediately after the performance, yelling into the mic: "Orlando, I don't care about the points – I care about the fans! That was for you…you rock, we love you!" Later in the interview, Koehler continued, responding to my question about his wheel locking up during a donut, well before he flipped the truck at the end of the performance: "You know I'm not gonna stop just because of broken parts," Mr. Excitement bellowed. "They're just parts. Parts don't mean nothin' to me. It's these people. It's this sold out crowd. It's Ford Trucks and Advance Auto Parts. It's these people that deserve this. YEAAAAAH!"

As for Christensen's claim to the award, an assist should go to veteran Monster Jam announcer Scott Heaton, who set Christensen up with the perfect question: Is it true, Heaton asked, that Christensen is always mad and trying to punish his truck when he gets in it for freestyle? Christensen's answer fired up the crowd even further: "You gotta understand," he began, "I have eight children. I have seven grandchildren. I'm on my second wife. I had to go out and get a full time job. So when I get into the truck I am mad." Christensen's pleasing tirade continued: "That's just a piece of machinery and I will tear it up and burn it into the ground every time. If I was a

spectator and I paid 15 to 30 dollars to come and watch a show, I'd never want to watch some lame truck just drive around the track. I want to see some stuff torn up and that has always been my perspective, and that is BRING DOWN THE HOUSE!"
Other finalists: Damon Bradshaw; Jim Creten; Mike Vaters



Best Wheelie in an Arena

Winner: **CHAD TINGLER, GRAVE DIGGER, SACRAMENTO, CA** - Tingler (shown above) showed the Northern California crowd exactly how Team Grave Digger throws down fantastic freestyles no matter the size of the facility. He filled the clock with high-energy action, one of the highlights coming when he rode Grave Digger in a wheelie across the length of the arena, stayed in the wheelie across the cars in the racing lane, and set the truck back on all four wheels at the edge of the floor. Everyone in the Sacto crowd rose to their feet, screaming their approval.
Other finalists: Chris Bergeron, Brutus, Peoria, IL; Alex Blackwell, Bulldozer, Sacramento, CA; Dale Mitchell, Predator, Tupelo, MS; Scott Poirier, Anger Management, North Charleston, SC

Best Wheelie in a Stadium

Winner: **RANDY MOORE, WAR WIZARD, JACKSONVILLE, FL** - The spectacular looking War Wizard never looked better than this moment in front of a record-setting crowd of more than 70,000. Moore hit a huge slap wheelie, then rode his unique Willys across the floor into a combination that actually saw him carry the wheelie onto the next crushed car obstacle, for one of the true highlights in a Florida night full of spectacular moments.
Other finalists: George Balhan, Escalade, Houston, TX; Tony Farrell, Blue Thunder, Phoenix, AZ; Bobby Parr, Suzuki, El Paso, TX; Charlie Pauken, Grave Digger, Anaheim, CA

Universal Technical Institute Crash Madness Award

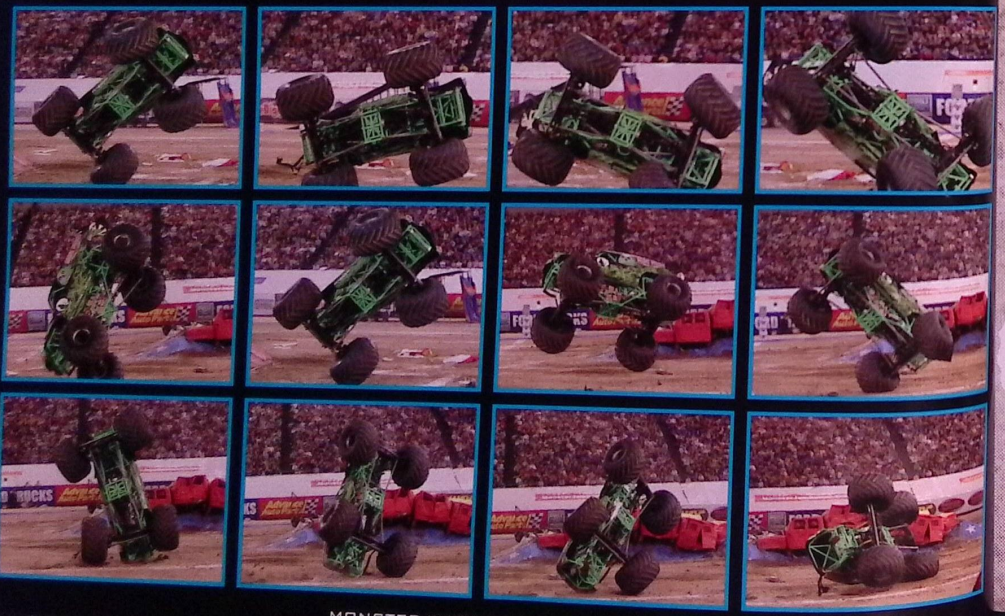
Winner: **CHAD TINGLER, GRAVE DIGGER, MINNEAPOLIS, MN** - This was one of those crashes that fans will be reliving on "Crash Madness" DVDs for years to come. Tingler's amazing freestyle in the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome ended with the talented driver actually barrel rolling Grave Digger to a finish that earned him a lengthy standing ovation.
Other finalists: Damon Bradshaw, Air Force Afterburner, Orlando FL; Pablo Huffaker, Grave Digger, San Antonio, TX; Tom Meents, Maximum Destruction, Atlanta, GA; Steve Sims, Stone Crusher, Charlottesville, VA

Extreme Air Award

Winner: **TOM MEENTS, MAXIMUM DESTRUCTION, ATLANTA, GA** - Clearly one of 2007's most breathtaking leaps, Meents went airborne as a part of one of the year's best freestyle performances. The sport's only seven-time World Champion earned his nickname "King of Air" with moves like this. At the apex of the jump, Meents appeared to be three stories or more in the air, flying through the Georgia Dome for what seemed like an eternity. To finish it off in style, the truck landed in peril on the front two wheels, but Meents hammered the throttle to pull out of the nosedive and continued on with one of his best runs of the season.
Other finalists: Adam Anderson, Grave Digger, Jacksonville, FL; Damon Bradshaw, Air Force Afterburner, Detroit, MI; Jim Creten, Bounty Hunter, San Diego, CA; Neil Elliot, Maximum Destruction, Orlando, FL

Team of the Year

Winner: **2XTREME RACING** - With Dawn



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Creten's successful return in 2007 driving a brand new, state-of-the-art Scarlet Bandit, 2Xtreme Racing fielded a trio of trucks in 2007 capable of winning anywhere, anytime. Team leader Jim Creten drove Bounty Hunter to several event victories over the course of the year, and young gun Linsey Weenk kept his Iron Outlaw competitive throughout the first quarter, although not with quite the success rate of his breakout 2006 campaign. The team proved just how strong its three powerful Ford Expeditions are by qualifying all three in the top eight at the Monster Jam World Finals, with Creten's Bounty Hunter setting the fastest time to earn the number one seed in the racing bracket.
Other finalists: Flame Motorsports; Monster Trucks Limited; Randy Brown Motorsports; Team Scream; Virginian, Inc.

Best Donut

Winner: **JIM KOEHLER, AVENGER, MINNEAPOLIS, MN** - It really is amazing that Koehler could continue what turned out to be one of the longest donuts, in terms of elapsed time, that we saw all year, because as soon as he started spinning Avenger, he smacked into a large dirt hill that would normally have ended the donut attempt. But Koehler didn't let up and he bounced Avenger off the dirt while continuing to circle and set sail on an amazing, tight set of cyclone donuts that wowed the Minnesota fans.
Other finalists: Chris Bergeron, Brutus, Orlando, FL; Marc McDonald, Safe Auto Minimizer, Prescott Valley AZ; Chad Tingler, Grave Digger, Sacramento, CA; Mike Wine, Monster Mutt, Vancouver

Best Freestyle in a Stadium (Shown Below)

Winner: **ADAM ANDERSON, GRAVE DIGGER, ATLANTA, GA** - There may have never been a freestyle performance that included more great saves to keep the truck from rolling over than the one that Anderson turned in driving his father's Grave Digger in Atlanta. In only his second event filling in while his legendary father recovered from a shoulder injury, Anderson showed he was up to the task of representing Dad on the Grave Digger 25th Anniversary Tour with a freestyle that was non-stop action. To complement the amazing string of saves in the run, Anderson had Grave Digger flying with some of the year's biggest air, and as his father Dennis Anderson likes to say, he burned the truck to the ground – almost literally, with smoke billowing out of the black and green wrecking machine as he filled the clock with a memorable freestyle.
Other finalists: Damon Bradshaw, Air Force Afterburner, Orlando, FL; Randy Brown, Grave Digger, Miami, FL; Neil Elliot, Maximum Destruction, Orlando FL; Jim Koehler, Avenger, Minneapolis, MN; Tom Meents, Maximum Destruction, Atlanta, FL

Best Freestyle in an Arena

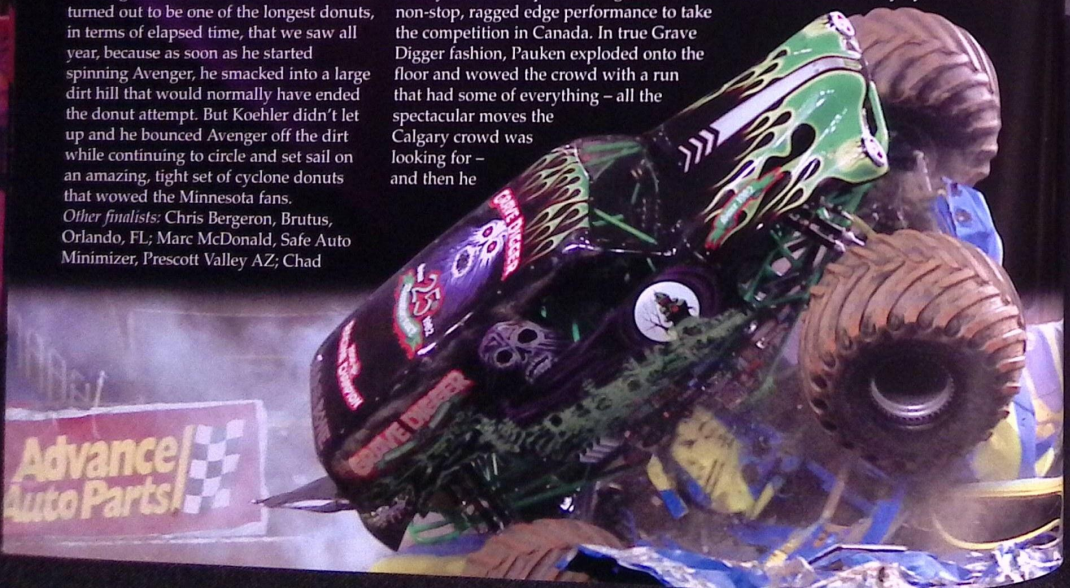
Winner: **CHARLIE PAUKEN, GRAVE DIGGER, CALGARY** - In an arena or a stadium, Pauken is one of today's best freestylers, and he proved it again with a non-stop, ragged edge performance to take the competition in Canada. In true Grave Digger fashion, Pauken exploded onto the floor and wowed the crowd with a run that had some of everything – all the spectacular moves the Calgary crowd was looking for – and then he ended the run in amazing fashion. With Grave Digger coming off a huge leap, Pauken landed the truck on its nose, and with the time clock filled, the truck just sat there on its nose for several seconds, stunning everyone as the fans showed their delight with a huge ovation for Pauken and his Grave Digger.
Other finalists: George Balhan, Escalade, Albuquerque, NM; Jim Creten, Bounty Hunter, Denver, CO; Lupe Soza, El Toro Loco, Cincinnati, OH; Chad Tingler, Grave Digger, Sacramento, CA

Sportsman of the Year

Winner: **(TIE) JIM KOEHLER and CHARLIE PAUKEN** - These are two of the most well liked and respected competitors in the industry by the fans and their peers. Both drivers are dedicated to giving the fans everything they have each and every time out, and they are two of the first you will see in the pits going to another truck that has broken down during an event to see if they and their crew can help to get the competition back up and running. They are two men committed to this industry and totally devoted to their fans, who make sure that their fans get the best they've got during each race and freestyle.
Other finalists: Randy Brown; Deric Evans; David Smith

Advance Auto Parts Mechanic Moment

Winner: **LORRIE EVANS, DESTROYER** - The crew chief on her family's Destroyer truck driven normally by her husband



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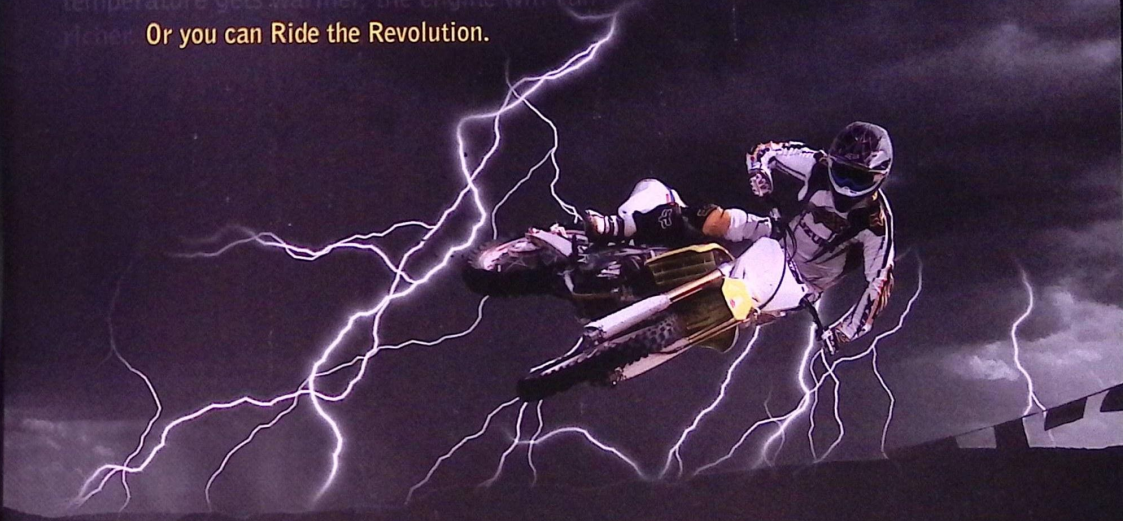

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Dan Evans and sometimes by her son Deric, Evans is hands-on in every sense of the word. She wins this award for going above and beyond the call of duty. On a weekend with multiple shows and with the Destroyer seeming to be snake bitten, she and her crew refused to quit. She oversaw the repair of eight rear axles to keep thrashing, getting the Destroyer back out on the track for each performance.

Other finalists: Jesse Barden, Air Force Afterburner; Steve Koehler, Avenger; Tommy Powers, Stone Crusher; Neil Elliot, Maximum Destruction; Gary Porter, Grave Digger

Those were the official 2007 Monster Jam Awards handed out at the banquet in Las Vegas.

Each year, I present my own version of awards for Monster Jam excellence, that can be viewed at MonsterJamOnline.com. My annual "Scotty Awards" salute the best of what I've seen personally each year. The following are a few of my 2007 Scotty Award winners.

Breakthrough Win of the Year

Winner: **JOHN SEASOCK IN *BATMAN* WINS RACING, Georgia Dome, Atlanta, GA** – The veteran has had lots of success in his long career, but that career stepped up to an even higher level when Seasock bested an all-star line-up to win one of the season's biggest events, the annual sold-out affair at Atlanta's Georgia Dome. As it turns out, this was a sign of even bigger things to come, as Seasock went on to win the 2007 Monter Jam World Finals Racing Championship.

Thrash of the Year Award

Winner: **NEIL ELLIOT, GARY PORTER AND FRIENDS, Dunkin Donuts Center, Providence, RI** – This was one of those moments that the fans never see but are the real beneficiaries of. During the Saturday afternoon matinee, Elliot blew Maximum Destruction's engine at the end of a blistering freestyle. That was a little after 4 p.m. Doors were set to open for the next event that evening at 6:30 p.m. So tech official Jim Ursini hopped into the loader, and Elliot went under Max-D's hood to start disconnecting the motor so it could be removed. The first person to show up with a wrench in hand to assist was Grave Digger driver Gary Porter. Several others, including John Seasock's teenage son J.R., jumped in to help where they could. With Elliot and Porter leading the frantic thrash, Max-D's engine was pulled out, several working parts were pulled off of the bad motor to be added to the back-up motor, and the replacement was installed and prepared for the night event. Yes, they had Max-D ready to go with another engine in it when the doors opened again at 6:30!

Upset of the Year

Winner: **LEE O'DONNELL IN *TAZ* WINS RACING, Citrus Bowl, Orlando, FL** – With regular *Taz* driver Adam Anderson piloting his father's Grave Digger that same night in Phoenix, road racing veteran O'Donnell was summoned to campaign *Taz* in the Citrus Bowl and he delivered big time. O'Donnell scored an upset over Randy Brown's Grave Digger in the semifinals before defeating defending Orlando race winner Steve Reynolds and Cowboy in securing his first SPEED televised Monster Jam racing win.

Crew Chief of the Year

Winner: **DUSTIN BROWN** – Having to wrench on the highest profile truck in the industry brings with it huge expectations and pressures every year. But this year, Brown also had to deal with Dennis Anderson's injury while helping to keep Grave Digger XX at the top. It was a busy and sometimes trying season for Brown. Due to Dennis Anderson's injury during the racing part of the Minneapolis event, he had to adapt the truck so that Chad Tingler could jump in and freestyle it up to the standard that Digger fans expect. Then he quickly bonded with Anderson's son, Adam, helping the younger Anderson look like his dad week after week with spectacular runs. Finally, he got Grave Digger 100 percent ready for the elder Anderson to return as impressively as he did in Las Vegas. Week after week, Brown proved to be up to the daunting challenge.

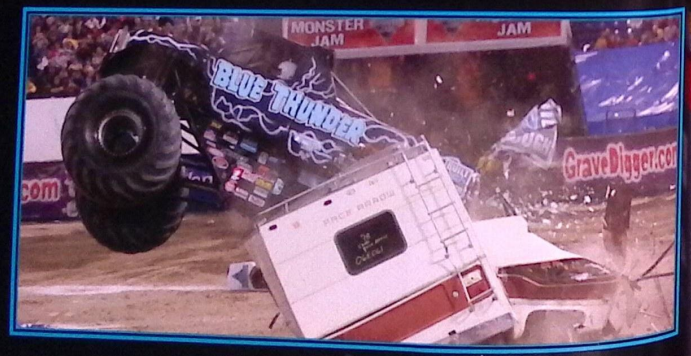
The John Seasock/Pablo Huffaker Award

(Driver who has not won a World Championship that is most likely to win one in 2008)

Winner: **MARC McDONALD** – He was the second fastest qualifier at this year's Monster Jam World Finals, in just his second season. His Safe Auto Minimizer Ford is bad fast and McDonald drives the wheels off of it. We expect him to be a racing contender, but he finished near the top in freestyle at the 2007 Monster Jam World Finals as well. It's hard to believe that we won't see McDonald claiming a world title in the future, probably sooner rather than later.

Most Improved Driver

Winner: **TONY FARRELL** – This may surprise some, because Farrell has been a



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major player in Monster Jam for several years. But to me, 2007 was his best year ever. He was second only to Tom Meents in televised wins during the year and took the big trophy home in Detroit's Ford Field. In freestyle, he really has stepped up that part of his game in recent years and we know to expect amazing performances from him every time out. He's an accomplished veteran not resting on his laurels, but looking to improve every time he drives Blue Thunder onto the track.

Best New Truck

Winner: CAPTAIN'S CURSE – This awesome new truck turned every head at the Double Down in Las Vegas the Friday before the Monster Jam World Finals as well as in the biggest Built Ford Tough Party in the Pits of the year, the day of the sport's greatest event. Of course, the truck looked even better on Saturday night when Pablo Huffaker drove the Captain into the final four of racing and capped the season off by winning his first Monster Jam World Finals Freestyle Championship.

Comeback of the Year

Winner: DENNIS ANDERSON – After sitting out virtually the entire season with injuries, the icon returned for the sport's biggest night and looked like he had never been on the sidelines. He qualified near the top of the bracket, advanced all the way to the final round and into the championship race for an unprecedented fourth straight year. He then tore it up in freestyle, marking the first time one driver has finished in the runner-up spot in both racing and freestyle at a single Monster Jam World Finals. Despite a four-month injury-induced layoff, Anderson rolled into Las Vegas and never missed a beat.

Freestyle "Wow" Moment of the Year

Winner: TEAM GRAVE DIGGER, Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas – I know it wasn't part of the scored competition, but clearly the most memorable freestyle moment of 2007 was the 25th Anniversary Grave Digger tribute when five Grave Digger trucks freestyled at the same time following the Monster Jam World Finals freestyle competition. Not just one "wow" moment here, this was literally several moments of "wows" that kept every fan standing and screaming throughout the entire run. The biggest smile in the place belonged to Dennis Anderson as the icon watched his teammates emphasize what being a Grave Digger driver is all about: trying to give fans the greatest performance they've ever seen every time Grave Digger trucks hit the floor. Boy, did they ever deliver during the Vegas encore.

Outdoor Event of the Year

Winner: JACKSONVILLE ALLTEL STADIUM, JACKSONVILLE, FL – For those of us who were in Jacksonville six or seven years ago in a torrential downpour with about 15,000 hearty Monster Jam fans in the stands, it was so gratifying to see Jacksonville Municipal Stadium sold out, with some 70,000 screaming fans for the 2007 Jax Jam. The drivers really responded to the huge, boisterous crowd. Start to finish, this was an event for the ages.

Indoor Event of the Year

Winner: DUNKIN DONUTS CENTER, PROVIDENCE, RI – While normally this award goes to a big domed stadium event, the large arena floor in Providence allowed the Monster Jam officials and track builders to create an event that combined the best of Monster Jam at all levels: an outstanding, large field of top level trucks including Grave Digger and Maximum Destruction; huge, almost stadium-style obstacles that you normally can't use in an arena; and still the incredible intimacy of a smaller setting where the fans feel so close to the action. It was an awesome weekend in New England.

European Event of the Year

Winner: GELREDOME, ARNHEM, HOLLAND – The success of Monster Jam Europe has been phenomenal throughout the continent, but in my opinion, the battle in the Netherlands has been the pinnacle of these events so far. The Gelredome is a soccer stadium with a huge floor that allows for an American-style stadium event to be contested in Europe. Last year, three awesome stadium shows were held there with huge crowds loving the great field of trucks, top-level drivers, a long and fast racing course, and major league monster obstacles for freestyle. Not just in Europe - this event already stacks up with the excitement created at the stadiums and domes that host Monster Jam in the United States every winter.

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Thanks to the team at Ford Trucks, this opportunity for Monster Jam fans has been a reality since 2006. Each year, five finalists are randomly selected to win a VIP trip to the Monster Jam World Finals in Las Vegas with their families. But the Vegas weekend is just the beginning.

On Saturday night, each finalist enters Sam Boyd Stadium in front of 36,000-plus fans and selects a key to try to start an F-Series Super Duty pickup. The key that starts the pickup is the key to the grand prize – a free Monster Jam event for 5,000 of the winner's closest friends at the winner's hometown.

In 2007, the finalists were Donna Bivens from Humboldt, Tennessee, Brad Bell from Whiting, Kansas, Bruce Heavner from Crete, Illinois, Robert DeGroat from Hillsdale, New Jersey, and Samantha Getzinger from Grayslake, Illinois.

"I'm the kind of guy who never wins anything, but I guess I can't say that anymore," Bruce said. "When my phone rang and I was told that I was a finalist winner, I couldn't believe that I'd won something as cool as a trip to the Monster Jam World Finals in Las Vegas. It was an exciting weekend, but I expected the excitement to die down once my key failed to start the truck. Then, I picked my key randomly out of a hat and everything changed. I was number 4 to try and start the truck, and I looked at the key as I was waiting my turn. It had a little dirt on it, like it had been used already, and I started wondering if it might be the right key."

"As the first, second, and third finalists tried to start the truck (and didn't), I saw my chances getting better and better. So then I get in the truck, put the key in, and of all things – the truck started! There are lights everywhere, my family is out on the track taking pictures, and I'm just trying to grasp the fact that I actually won. Looking back at the pictures, it seems that my smile is going to split my face in two. I can't thank Ford enough for sending my family to Las Vegas, and for coming to Crete, Illinois this summer. The Monster Jam folks are awesome, and it will be amazing to have those big trucks rumbling down Main Street. This is one time where what happens in Vegas, doesn't stay in Vegas. It's coming to my hometown!"

Bruce, wife Dana and their children, Jackie, Keegan, and Maverick, began to plan how they would hand out all the tickets.

The Monster Jam team secured the Kankakee Motor Speedway, the closest venue to Crete. The entire village, population about 7,000, felt the buzz of what Monsters on Mainstreet would be like on July 21. It was hard to miss the event's presence, with banners prominently placed on light poles and the Built Ford Tough Blue Thunder Monster Truck displayed at the weekly Cruise Night on Main Street in July.

The weekend started on Friday night with Bruce and the family riding down Main Street in the back of the Blue Thunder Ride Truck to Vic's restaurant, where they dined with the Monster Jam team.

Saturday began with the Built Ford Tough Party in the Pits, located not at the Kankakee Motor Speedway but in the Crete village parking lot, allowing the community to see the monsters and get autographs from favorite drivers.

A parade on Main Street followed, with eight monsters rolling down the street throttling a total of 12,000 horsepower and setting off every car alarm within a two-block radius. Next, the caravan of Monster Jam fans headed south on Interstate 57 to Kankakee's Motor Speedway for the racing action.

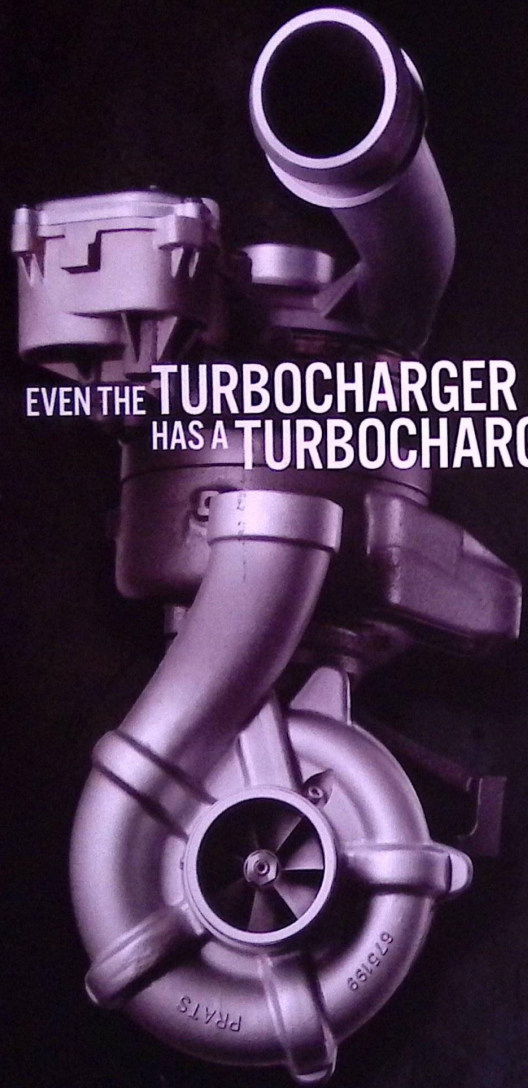
The Heavner family did an amazing job hosting the second annual Monsters on Mainstreet event, filling all 5,000 seats at the speedway. Bruce distributed tickets to family members, friends and community groups and organizations, including teams in his son's tee-ball league, police and fire departments, the Boy Scouts and local charities. He even gave tickets to a Toronto family who drove eight hours to Crete after tracking him down when they heard about the promotion.

The fierce competition saw Charlie Pauken drive Monster Mutt to victory in the wheelie contest and Marc McDonald capture the racing victory in his Safe Auto Minimizer. In his debut performance in the Built Ford Tough Blue Thunder monster truck, Linsey Weenk won in the freestyle competition.

But the biggest winner of the night was the community of Crete, thanks to Bruce, whose 6-year-old son Keegan encouraged him to register online "We are pretty low-key people," Bruce said. "I don't think Crete will ever be the same. Maybe more people will know who I am now, but that's about it."

"The Monsters on Mainstreet promotion is truly one-of-a-kind and allows us to bring the Built Ford Tough Truck excitement of Monster Jam to core fans in a most unique way," said Todd Eckert, Ford Truck and SUV communications manager. "As it was last year, this year's Monsters on Mainstreet promotion has been a great success in providing Bruce Heavner and the Crete community with an experience that money cannot buy and that we are honored that Ford Trucks and Monster Jam can bring."

Both Susan Shannon, the 2006 inaugural winner from Sylva, North Carolina, and now Bruce can tell you that the only way to win is to register online. Log on to www.monstersonmainstreet.com to register and view photos and videos of past events. The next story about Monsters on Mainstreet could be about you and your hometown!



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The road to success isn't easy and always comes with a big price tag. Some walk away before the dream is ever realized and others bear down and take that less-traveled road. John Seasock has been on that road for the past 15 years – physically, emotionally and financially. The fickle light at the end of the tunnel shined brightly at the 2007 Monster Jam World Finals when his hard work finally paid off.

The road to the Championship really began many years ago when he scraped together his limited funds to build his first lifted truck in high school. Seasock at this point never had any formal mechanical training. Instead using the skills he honed from his passion for monster trucks, his prototype vehicle made its footprint on the local circuit around the Keystone State of Pennsylvania. That beast saw plenty of mud, sweat and tears before Seasock made the next investment in this blooming career.

Life kicked into high gear after high school when John chose to study electronics and computer science at the famed Penn State University. He started adding members to his soon-to-be monster truck racing team when he married and had two sons J.R. (now 16) and Kyle (11). In the early 1990s John bought his first truck, and Sudden Impact was born.

Seasock's Sudden Impact Racing team began to make a name for itself right away partly due to the internet. John used the world-wide connection to keep in touch with fans which really allowed them to be in direct contact with him. Fans were able to keep up on what was happening week to week with the team and with John as he competed across the country.

"My fans are a driving force to my career. They always supported me and they were always by my side; they inspire me."

The next peak in Seasock's quest to the top came in 2006 when he joined the developing Monster Jam European tour driving the Hot Wheels and Inferno trucks.

In January of 2007, Seasock set aside his conventional tastes and signed a contract to drive the concept-bodied *Batman* the monster truck.

"I was never a big fan of concept bodies (non-traditional truck bodies), but when I saw it, I said, 'That looks pretty cool.' (Concept trucks) had never been my cup of tea, but it had a little mystery to it and it was something different."

Part of Seasock setting aside his traditional tastes meant entering his new machine through its windows. While getting used to his new entry way, he also started working with a new crew in Bill Easterly Jr. and Coty Saucier. Optimistic at first about the transition with the new crew, Seasock found it to be a natural fit.

"It was a match made in heaven; those guys were so cool to work with," he said.

In monster truck competition, the Monster Jam World Finals is the Super Bowl for fans, drivers and teams. Taking place in the center of the entertainment universe, the Monster Jam World Finals have sold-out Sam Boyd Stadium in Las Vegas for the past seven seasons. The 35,000-plus fans represent all 50 states, 12 countries and eight provinces of Canada. Complementing the event is the world's largest pit party where more than 20,000 fans attend the six-hour interactive festival.

Seasock was no stranger to the Monster Jam World Finals, having made four appearances in years past, but this year's event had a different feel.

"This is going to happen," he said to Easterly Jr. and Saucier.

Physically he could not prepare anymore, but it was his mental approach that he continued to sharpen. Long walks down the streets of Las Vegas, among the sea of people who converged on Sin City in hopes of hitting it big or soaking up the party scene, helped Seasock focus on his mission.

A flood of memories ran through John's head. He particularly recalled meeting a fan years ago at a show in Connecticut. The fan gave him a bottle of champagne and said, "This is for when you win Monster Jam World Finals."

The bottle was signed with his family's name. John told the man, "If I ever win, we're going to drink this together." That bottle stood in John's hallway for seven lonely years and it welcomed him home upon every day since.

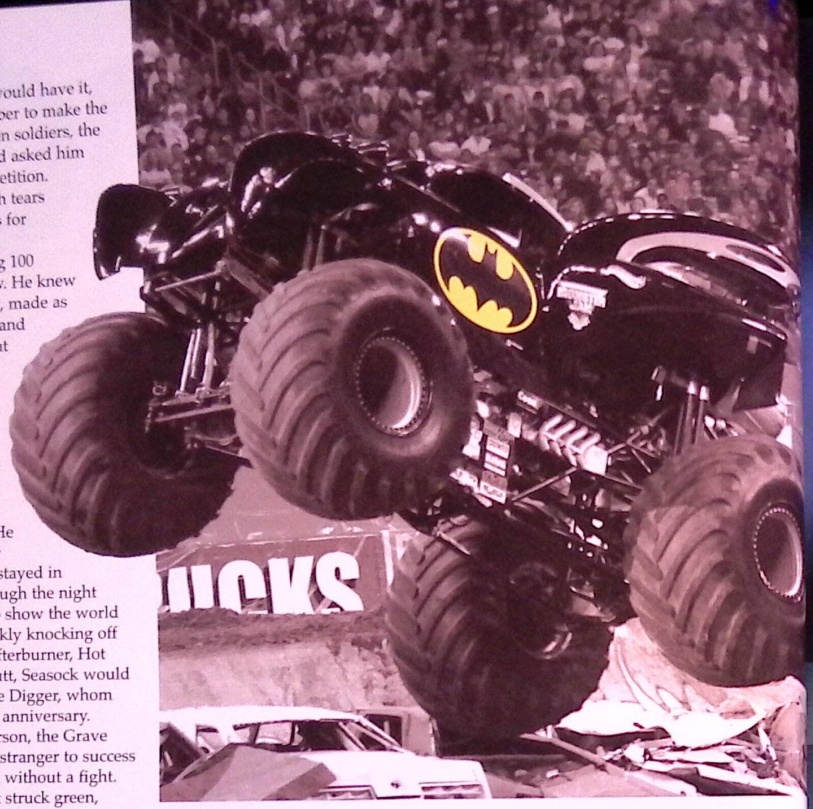
During the Double Down Pit Party, John was approached by an adoring fan who offered his story on his military career. Assigned to guarding an U.S. Embassy overseas, the fan and his squad made a pact to attend this year's Monster

Jam World Finals. As fate would have it, he was the lone team member to make the trek. In memory of his fallen soldiers, the fan handed John a shirt and asked him to wear it during his competition. The fan's eyes swelled with tears and John said, "This one is for you guys."

His truck was running 100 percent, thanks to his crew. He knew that if he stuck to his plan, made as few mistakes as possible, and concentrated on the task at hand, then he would be racing in the final round of competition for the championship. He qualified eighth, but he felt good about it.

After qualifying eighth, John participated in opening ceremonies. He was so focused that after opening ceremonies, he stayed in the *Batman* truck all through the night waiting for his chance to show the world what he's made of. Quickly knocking off competitors Air Force Afterburner, Hot Wheels and Monster Mutt, Seasock would face the legendary Grave Digger, whom was celebrating his 25th anniversary. Driven by Dennis Anderson, the Grave Digger machine was no stranger to success and would not go down without a fight.

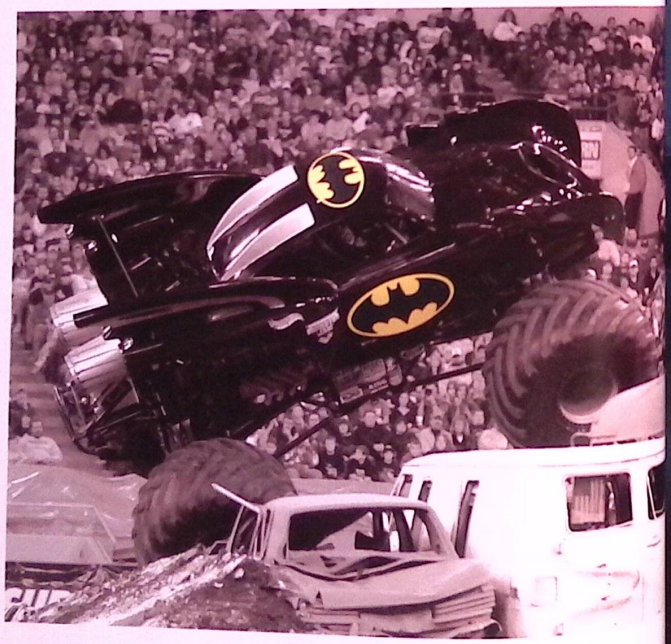
As the starting light struck green, thousands of horsepower were employed to settle this score. Seasock shocked the world when he piloted *Batman* to victory. Joined by his crew, Bill and Coty, Seasock soaked up the excitement of the roaring crowd, but the celebration was missing something. Back home in Frackville,



HE CROSSED THE FINISH LINE AND LOOKED UP TO SEE THE TECH OFFICIAL ON THE TRACK IN FRONT OF HIM WITH BOTH THUMBS IN THE AIR.

Pennsylvania, Seasock's sons J.R. and Kyle followed the race via the Internet. He immediately tried to contact his kids with no luck.

"I knew they knew I had won, and I got frustrated because they weren't picking up," said John.



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What he didn't know was that his sons, who he hadn't seen in nearly three months, were being flown to Las Vegas to be part of a big surprise for John.

The following night Seasock would be awarded the championship trophy at the Monster Jam World Finals. As the presenter of the trophy (Todd Eckert from Ford Trucks) was being announced, the curtain opened, Eckert stepped forward with Seasock's sons, J.R. and Kyle. Emotionally, his sons presented their father with the award he's worked his entire life for.

"I almost lost it," John said. "I had to watch the DVD afterwards to find out what I said in my speech, because I was so overwhelmed that I had no idea what I had said."

Embracing his new trophy, John looked forward to returning to Frackville, a town of about 5,000 where the news of his accomplishment – like any small town – traveled fast. Upon landing in Pennsylvania, his sister, Nikki, picked him up at the airport. Nikki detoured John's expecting trip to his home and headed to the center of town.

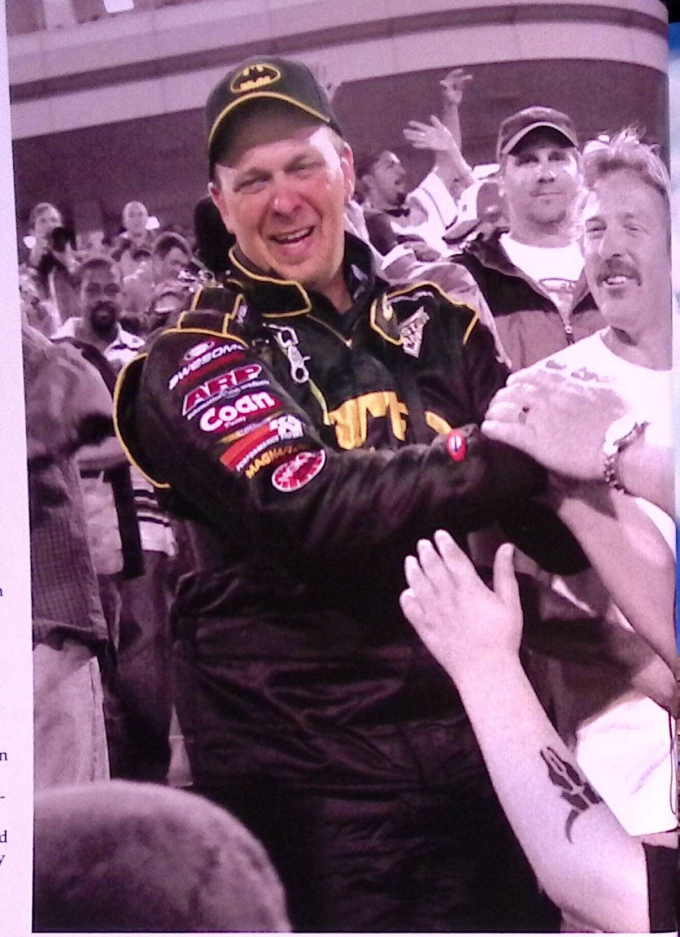
The streets were lined with fire trucks and fans packed the sidewalks. Most remarkably in the middle of the action was the *Batman* monster truck that he had piloted to the championship! When he left Las Vegas, his crew was to begin preparations for the truck to begin its voyage to Monster Jam European tour. He knew the next place he would see it would be overseas. Wanting to surprise him, they drove overnight to have it there for the town's celebration.

Later, that bottle of champagne, the one given to him nearly seven years ago, was opened and shared with the family who signed it.

Long recognized as one of the true goodwill ambassadors of the monster truck world, John's buildup of good karma finally paid off. The first to volunteer to visit a hospital, or take a couple extra minutes with fans, he's one of the good guys with a big heart. He's never let the limelight get in the way of his humble demeanor.

"I think about some of the kids who are up against it pretty hard, like the Make-A-Wish kids, and they are always so positive and happy. So when things get bad for me, I sit back and think about them and say I don't have a right to complain."

Typical John Seasock.



A champion's homecoming: (from left) Coty Saucier, J.R. Seasock, John Seasock, Kyle Seasock, Bill Easterly, Jr.

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Pablo and Tina share a moment among the wreckage after the 2004 Monster Jam World Finals.

DIRT IN HIS VEINS

MONSTER JAM VETERAN AND DEVOTED FAMILY MAN, PABLO HUFFAKER IS NOW A MONSTER JAM WORLD FINALS CHAMPION.

BY MARK CROUSE

He started in an unproven business 27 years ago. In March of 2007, Pablo Huffaker reached the pinnacle of the industry when he won his first Monster Jam World Finals title, taking home freestyle gold. His crew chief, head cheerleader and wife, Tina, was at his side to share in the victory and reap the rewards of innumerable nights on the road, just some of the sacrifices that a champion must make.

Back in 1981, Huffaker, along with then King Krunch owner Scott Stephens, built their first monster truck and toured with TNT Motorsports, the first "touring" monster truck in the business. For the first decade, Huffaker drove many different trucks, including King Krunch (1, 2 and 3) and the Silver Bullet (the first jet powered truck, sponsored by Coors). After he split off from Stephens, his first truck was Jus' Show-In-Off. He also got one of the first large sponsorships from Ralston Purina and ran a truck under the Purina Mainstay banner. Eventually, from his Tomball, Texas home base, Huffaker had two Jus' Show-In-Off trucks that were kept pretty busy. And things were about to get busier.

Huffaker's career took a huge step forward in the early 90's, when a promoter wanted to hire Grave Digger to come to his shows; at that time, Dennis Anderson, creator of the black and green wrecking machine, had only two trucks to take on the road and couldn't send one out for these shows. Huffaker had raced Anderson and knew him well enough to ask if they could put a Grave Digger body on one of his existing trucks. Anderson knew Huffaker and his driving style and knew that he would make a great addition to the Digger team. What was to be a 10-week deal turned into a 15-year affiliation with the most popular race team in the world.

Only a handful of people have driven a Digger truck. The monster truck fraternity is a small one and being able to

drive one of the most recognizable names in the sport is a huge load to carry. But Huffaker felt comfortable getting into that hot seat. "Obviously, the fans are behind you," Huffaker says, "and that adds an extra amount of pressure."

When Huffaker joined the Grave Digger team, Tina Huffaker says, Anderson did shows with her husband and knew his driving style would fit the team. "We fit in" to what is expected from a Digger truck any time it takes the floor, Huffaker says.

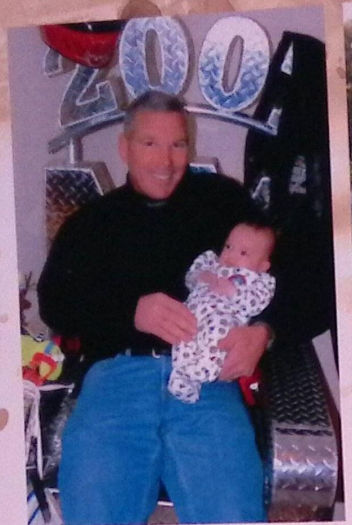
Driving on the edge means more than your fair share of crashes and the potential for injuries. Huffaker has been blessed in not experiencing any injuries that would sideline him for an extended period of time; he cites advances in safety and his commitment to it as the reason. The biggest advancement? "Helmets and seatbelts," he says with a chuckle. "At the end of long weekends, I would have bruises on my side from hanging out the window watching the side of the truck. I think I wore a seatbelt then and was one of the first guys to wear a helmet and fire suit."

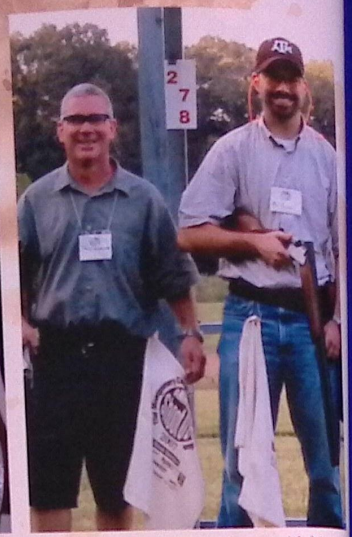
Today, the advancements are far ahead of what the standard fare was 27 years ago. For instance, Huffaker uses an ISP containment seat like the drivers of NASCAR use with a five-point harness; a HANS device; and Nomex lined helmets for fireproofing.

Huffaker has good reason to follow all the safety rules, having survived a fire in the cab of his truck. "We have on video where I was in a truck that was on fire for 52 seconds," in Red Bluff, Calif., in 1996. "When I got out of the truck, my helmet and visor were bubbled (from the heat), my fire suit was discolored from the flames, and the roll cage padding was all melted around me."

"I'm a firm believer in wearing all my safety equipment and it paid off then," Huffaker says.

Today, all trucks are required to have a fire suppression system within the driver's compartment.





Left: Proud Grandpa Pablo poses in his Monster Jam World Finals Champion throne with his grandson Michael. ***Right:*** *Pablo and Ryan enjoy some father and son bonding time at the range.*

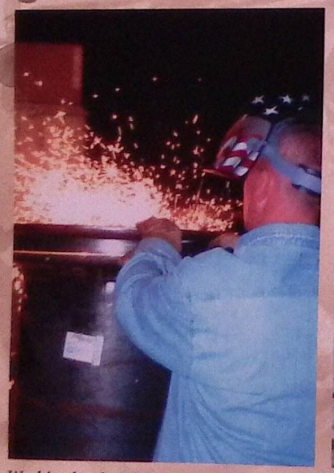
There to make sure he's following all the rules, both USHRA and self-imposed, is Tina. There aren't many people who can do what they love with the person they love by their side almost 24-7. "That's probably what's made me be able to do this for all these years," he says.

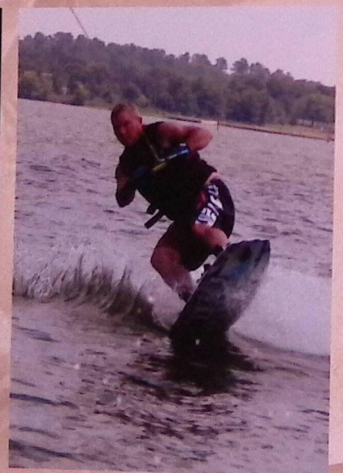
She quit her full time job as a systems analyst in 1993 to manage her husband's monster truck business and their Racesource machine shop. She was available to their son, Ryan, when sports and other activities came up while Huffaker was on the road. "It's rough on everyone when you have a family member in entertainment who is away for an extended period of time," she says. Huffaker adds: "She's been a really active part of my career for as long as I can remember."

They have enjoyed the unique experience of seeing their son grow up in the business and eventually appear at shows and race against his father. "Every year, he comes out and drives a few events, and it's the neatest thing in the world – he's a natural at it. It's not his chosen career, but it's neat for him to be able to do it as a hobby."

Other father-son teams have appeared at Monster Jam events, including Dan and Derek Evans and Dennis and Adam Anderson. "The torch is getting passed along pretty quickly now," Huffaker says.

When asked his list of up-and-coming "young guns," Tina Huffaker jumps in to say, "Where do you start?"





Working hard and playing hard. Left: *Pablo is customizing a monster truck wheel to his exact specifications.* ***Right:*** *Taking advantage of some rare downtime, Pablo enjoys wakeboarding.*

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"Obviously, Adam Anderson was a natural from the start, and his little brother Ryan is right behind him," Huffaker says. "Derek Evans and really anyone who has grown up around the trucks and has worked on them. They may not have seat time but they have 'track' time. They know what entertains the fans and what a boring freestyle looks like. They don't want to be that person; they want to thrill the crowd."

Others who made the Huffakers' short list are George Balhan, Aaron Basl and last year's rookie of the year, Damon Bradshaw.

Tina Huffaker also got behind the wheel at a couple big speedway shows where, she jokes, "there is a lot of room. It's a kick in the pants, and after driving the truck, I gained a lot more respect for the drivers and the experience they go through."

It was appropriate that she was there for the seventh Monster Jam World Finals to lend moral and wrench support to her husband. Huffaker has participated in all but one of the Monster Jam World Finals events and only once behind the wheel of his familiar Grave Digger. A true testament to his skill and experience as a driver is being able to pilot any vehicle and do it well.

"I've consistently been in the final four in racing," Huffaker says. It doesn't come without long hours and dedication. "That's the longest work week of the year. It's a grueling schedule from practice, to preparation of the trucks, to the other responsibilities we have."

This year was no different from others. They checked over the Captain's Curse truck (because Anderson was driving Grave Digger) and looked forward to getting some seat time. The trucks drive and feel different, so he had a sharp learning curve to get it dialed in.

"Going into that event, I didn't have any crazy feelings like this was my year or anything like that. I was still on cloud nine after the birth of our grandson, Michael. I was middle of the pack when I went out for freestyle and paced myself," he recalls. "My main focus was to not hit something that I've seen everyone else hit and wreck right from the get go."

Huffaker was laying out his vision of the course, something he claims he doesn't do that often. His plan to hit the fountain first was dashed when an ice cream truck was placed on top of it. "What I intended to be my first move ended up being my last move."

After earning a 34, Huffaker didn't think that his score would hold, being 16th in a field of 24 trucks, with freestyle powerhouses Avenger, Grave Digger and Maximum Destruction still to take their turns. "I was actually in the seat of my Grave Digger truck getting ready for the encore when the last four trucks ran," he says. "As I was sitting there watching the big screen TV, watching those guys run, I was thinking, 'You've got to be kidding me. I'm going to win this deal and I'm sitting here buckled in another truck.' Sitting there, I was thinking, 'I just won the championship, and I get to go again!'"

Fitting for someone who takes pride in delivering a great show for the fans. Over the years, Huffaker has collected a lot of experiences and met a lot of people. The best thing, however, has been that "this is my job; this isn't a hobby, it's a career. For the last 20-some odd years, I've been able to make a career out of something I truly enjoy doing and to be able to do it with Tina and my family."

He works "for that minute-and-a-half of freestyle that I live for each week. I get to go out and create another week's work," he jokes. "It matters to me that the fans go home happy."

Top left: Driving Captain's Curse at the 2007 Monster Jam World Finals, Pablo scaled and launched off of a full size ice cream truck. ***Above:*** *At the end of the event, a celebratory silly string attack awaited the newly crowned Monster Jam World Finals Freestyle Champion.*

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DAMON BRADSHAW

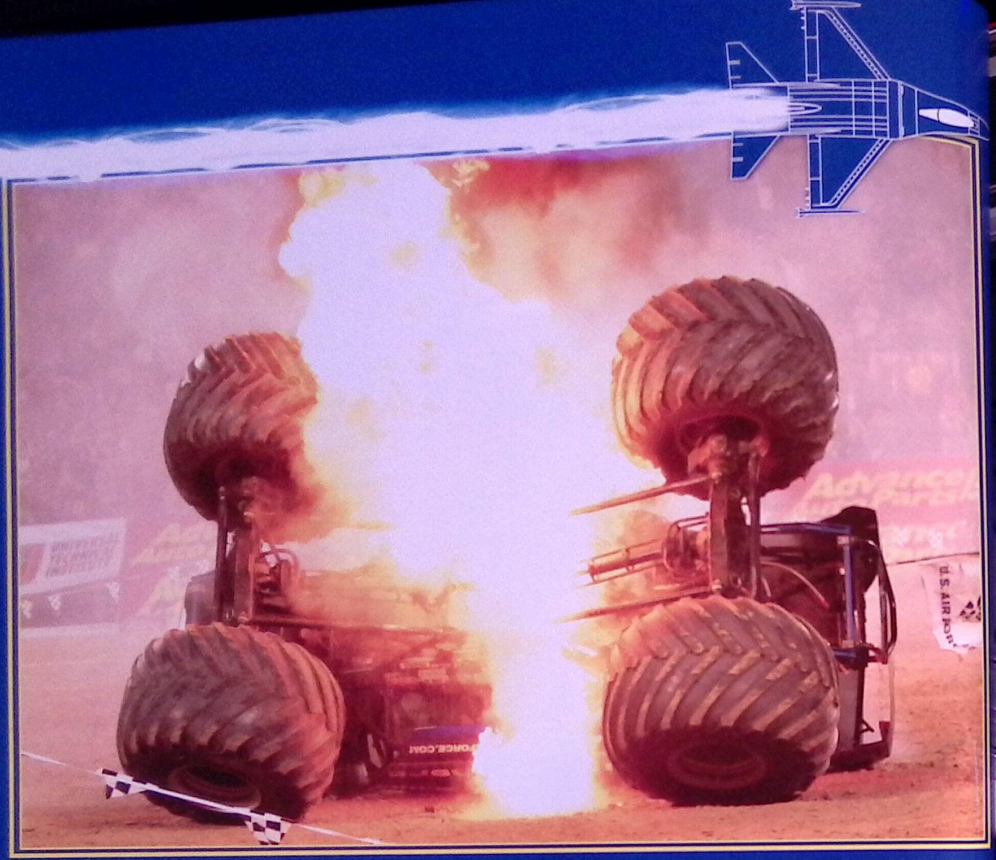
IS BURNING ONTO THE MONSTER JAM SCENE

By Spencer Huard

Imagine climbing up into a 10,000-pound monster truck, then strapping yourself into a racing harness and roaring down Thunder Alley at the Monster Jam World Finals in front of a crowd of almost 40,000 screaming fans. Your heart is beating a million miles an hour, you can hardly breathe, and all you can hear is the sound of your 1,500-horsepower Merlin motor screaming and popping like a fighter jet ready to take off. You quickly glance down at the stadium floor below your 66-inch tires and see a carnage of shredded metal plastered all over the place: this is no time to chicken out. You're about to launch 30 feet in the air off of a massive 15-foot ramp! Sound intimidating?

Most of the drivers currently competing in the Monster Jam series have had plenty of amateur truck driving experience by the time they reach the pro level. Drivers often grow up working on their father's pickup trucks, helping out in local body shops or other forms of racing to hone their skills. However, it's not too often that someone from outside the amateur truck racing scene steps into a hopped-up monster truck and is competitive right off the bat.

On Dec. 2, 2006, the Monster Jam world was shocked when former AMA Supercross champion Damon Bradshaw made his Monster Jam debut driving the Air Force Afterburner in front of a packed Minneapolis Metrodome crowd.



Bradshaw, who was used to banging bars with 60-horsepower machines that sit just 3 feet off the ground, was stepping into a whole new racing world. Could he live up to his old motocross racing nickname "The Beast from the East" in the highly competitive world of monster truck racing?

Veteran Monster Jam announcer Scott Douglass puts it this way: "When former Supercross legend Damon Bradshaw entered the world of Monster Jam, no one questioned his competitiveness or dedication. The main question was simply how long would it take him to become a legitimate contender to win events."

Bradshaw may have had plenty of experience lining up on the Supercross gate in front of packed crowds with championship titles hanging on the line, but nothing compares to the pre-race jitters he had before his Minneapolis Monster Jam debut. Bradshaw hung tough and put in solid runs in the racing and freestyle competitions. He used that first night in Minneapolis as a learning experience to get his feet wet in Monster Jam; that in turn stirred a competitive fire inside himself. The "Beast from the East" was back!

> "When the truck caught fire, there was a huge flash and I knew it was time to get out!"

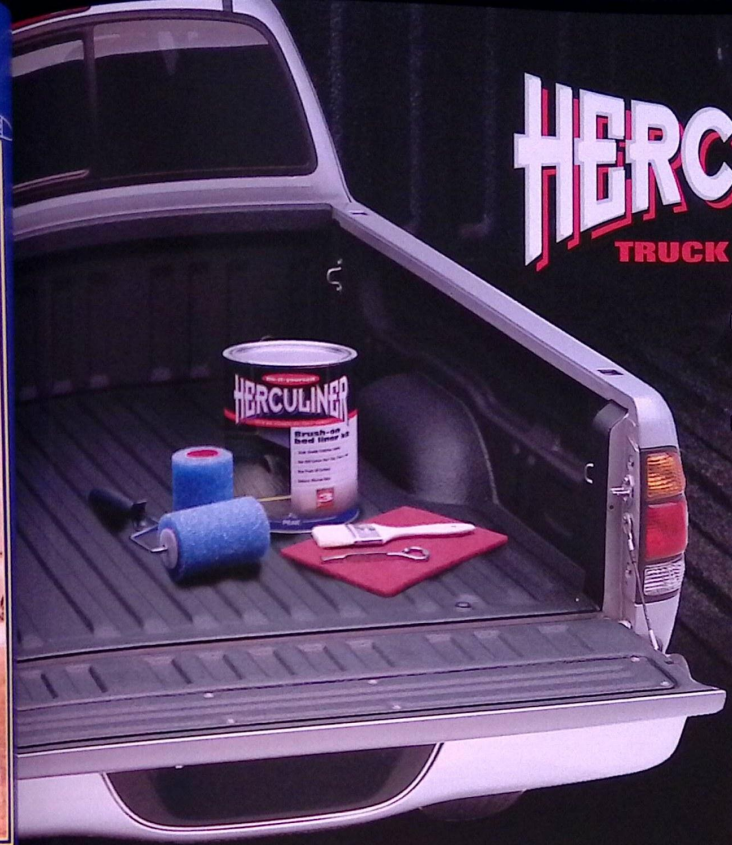
When the Air Force scouts chose Bradshaw to drive the Air Force Afterburner, he was thrilled.

"When I found out that I had the opportunity to drive the Air Force Afterburner, all I could think about was how honorable this would be to represent the United States Air Force."

Bradshaw got his shot at the position when former Air Force Afterburner veteran driver Paul Cohen had to retire in 2006. Bradshaw knew he had some big shoes to fill, but fortunately for him, Cohen was eager to mentor Bradshaw and show him the ropes. Bradshaw also traveled with some of the most respected names in the business, including Monster Jam legends Dennis Anderson and Tom Meents.

"I like to keep an open mind and always be willing to learn and listen to advice, not only as a driver but also as a person," Bradshaw said.

His willingness to soak up knowledge would turn out to be invaluable throughout Bradshaw's rookie season, as his truck would literally turn into an afterburner on more then one occasion. In Jacksonville, Bradshaw turned in his most amazing freestyle run of the year, tying Adam Anderson for the win along the way, only to realize once he stopped that his truck was completely engulfed in flames.



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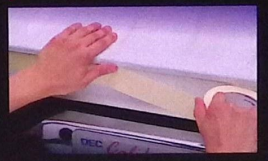

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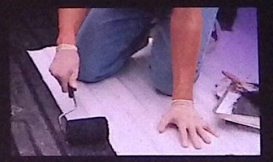

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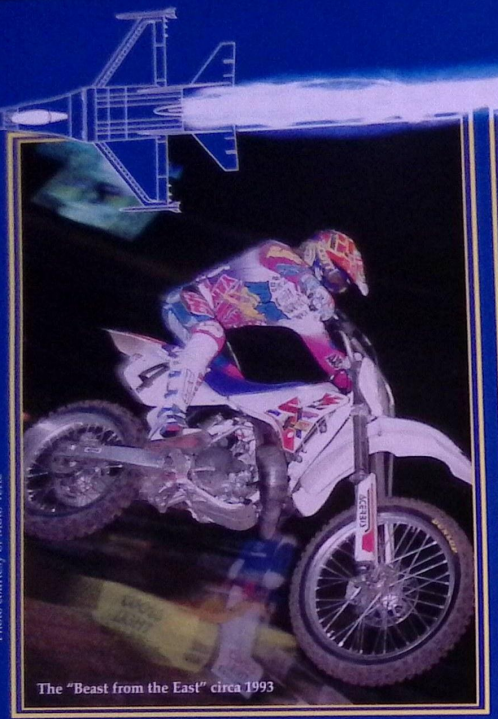

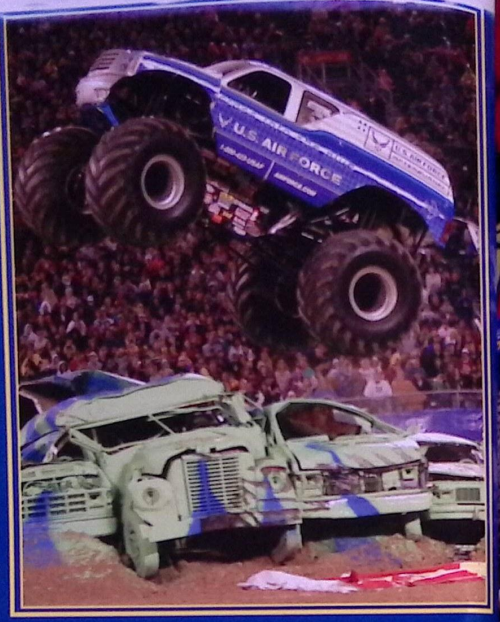

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The "Beast from the East" circa 1993

"During my runs, I was having so much fun, I could hear the fans and all I wanted to do was go bigger and bigger. When the truck caught fire, there was a huge flash and I knew it was time to get out!"

The amazing efforts of the USHRA officials had Bradshaw safely out of the truck and waving to his fans in minutes. Bradshaw's crash in Jacksonville was gnarly enough to win him a prestigious Scotty Award for "Crash of the Year." In his old Supercross days, winning this type of award would generally not be something a rider would strive for, but in Monster Jam, it's a whole different ball game. The more big air, crushed metal, flips, spins and all-out carnage, the higher your freestyle score at the end of the night.

His breakthrough performance in Jacksonville, where he drove the Air Force Afterburner all the way to the racing finals and then tied Adam Anderson in Grave Digger for the freestyle win, is proof positive that Bradshaw is already a prime-time player in Monster Jam.

By the time the 2007 season wrapped up, Bradshaw found himself invited to compete as one of 24 of the best drivers in the world at the Monster Jam World Finals on the floor of Las Vegas' Sam Boyd Stadium. As was the case all year long, Bradshaw did not disappoint the fans. He placed his Air Force Afterburner near the top of the greatest freestyle competition on earth in his first time in the Monster Jam World Finals. Bradshaw admitted to being a little worried about the pressure coming into the final round in Las Vegas, but combated that by using mental toughness gained from his old days of fighting for Supercross titles on this very stadium floor. He muscled out two impressive performances.

Bradshaw actually impressed everyone so much in 2007 that he earned the "Rookie of the Year" award at the annual Monster Jam banquet. "Clearly, one of the most impressive rookies that Monster Jam has ever seen," Douglass said as he called Bradshaw up to accept his award. "Winning the 'rookie of the year' award was very special to me because that is an award that you can only win once in your career," said an emotional Bradshaw.

Whether Monster Jam phenomenon or Supercross star, Bradshaw has always been a class act on and off the dirt. He thrives off the positive energy that his fans give him on the road and enjoys giving back 100 percent every time he climbs into the Air Force Afterburner.

Bradshaw's professionalism and experience in the limelight from his two-wheel days seemed to transition nicely into the fan friendly sport of Monster Jam. Roy Janson, vice president of operations for Live Nation Motorsports, said that, "In Monster Jam, the relationship between the fans and their heroes is key" and Bradshaw has fit in very nicely with this new role. Bradshaw's professionalism and charisma has made him increasingly popular among Monster Jam fans old and new.

What does the future hold for Bradshaw in Monster Jam? He's eager to get back in the truck in 2008 and continue to raise the bar. He's not one to continue in a sport he doesn't feel competitive at: "I'm not going to waste my time unless I can be the best I can be. I don't want to be the guy who shows up on the weekend drives the truck and goes home. When people think of the Air Force Afterburner, I want them to think of me."

It was long days and lots of work for Bradshaw in his first year of Monster Jam, but the "Beast from the East" is already looking forward to his second season and the Air Force Afterburner is going to be aiming high at the title!

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DONKEY KONG gets ready to BARREL over Monster Jam!

From "under construction" to causing destruction, the making of the Donkey Kong monster truck!

by Andrew Palochko

Frank Krmel (right) could be the perfect driver for the Donkey Kong monster truck (concept drawing shown above). He loves to monkey around with the fans, and they "go bananas" for his outgoing personality and fun-loving showmanship!

After a quarter century of smashing barrels, eating bananas, and battling Mario™ for the rights to his princess, Donkey Kong still isn't satisfied. Now, having conquered the video game world, Donkey Kong sets his sights on bigger targets: Maximum Destruction, Grave Digger and more, as the newest entry to the Monster Jam tour hits the floor.

"He's always been a big brute in his games, so it'll be interesting to see how he performs in Monster Jam competition," said Kelli Horner, director of corporate communications for Nintendo of America. "Nintendo has some of the best-known and best-loved characters in the entertainment world. We're always looking for new and interesting ways to showcase them. Bringing a Donkey Kong truck to Monster Jam is just another cool place to show off Donkey Kong."

So what does it take to transform a giant ape on the television screen to a Monster Jam superstar? Work began almost a year ahead of time to ensure a successful, competitive vehicle.

"The biggest challenge was translating Donkey Kong's personality into a Monster Jam truck," Horner said. "You can't just slap on a few decals and call it a day. As our other icon, Mario, knows, Donkey Kong is a force to be reckoned with, and we worked with our designers to make sure his attitude and power came through in the monster truck."

Graphic designers spent months working on the truck's design to make it unique and representative of the video game hero. Then, hundreds of hours of work went into designing, sculpting, and painting the fiberglass body.

"The first step is making a plug prototype of what it looks like," said Eric Minger, body shop manager for the Donkey Kong race team. "We gave the truck an F-150 cab and hood, and bedsides. Then we used foam and 350 gallons of body putty," which sculpted the custom parts of the body.

This completed the first step of designing the body. From there, fabricators

at B-Boat and Bull's Custom Services in Paxton, Ill., covered the "plug" with parting film and sprayed a gel coating on top. Then, it was time to lay the fiberglass over the plug and actually create the body. Once that hardened, the body would be ready for paint.

The entire process of building the body took more than 500 hours, from building the plug to painting the finished product. The end result: One of the meanest looking trucks to ever grace the Monster Jam tour.

The next ingredient in building a successful team was to find a successful driver. Veteran Frank Krmel, who has driven trucks like Hot Wheels, Karl Malone's Power Forward, Del Scorcho, and El Toro Loco in the past, will pilot the big burly ape in competition.

"I can't wait…being part of a brand new team, and a brand new concept," Krmel said. "I think this one will take a lot of people by surprise. Everyone can relate to it. People my age and kids that are 2 and 3 years old both know what it is."

Krmel brings a wealth of experience to the team, including a top five run in Las Vegas two years ago in Del Scorcho that he intends to build upon.

"This is by far the highest profile team I've been involved in, and I have some unfinished business in Vegas. This is my chance to prove to the Tom Meents and Jimmy Cretens of the world that this ape is for real, and that I'm out to get them. Trucks like Donkey Kong and Adam Anderson's *Taz* are what we need. These trucks are the future of the sport."

"Putting the Donkey Kong monster truck on the Monster Jam tour is consistent with one of our main goals of bringing pop-culture into Monster Jam," said Mark Abernethy, Senior Director of Marketing/ Licensing for Live Nation Motor Sports. "Monster Jam fans relate to our monster truck characters, and fans of all ages will be able to relate to Donkey Kong, too. The brand new merchandise line that will accompany the Donkey Kong monster truck will be impressive. Fans will be able to purchase t-shirts, hats, pennants, puff trucks, Hot Wheels die-cast toys, and other products that are in the works."

The stage is set for total domination. Look for the Donkey Kong monster truck at a Monster Jam event near you!

The smaller photos show the "evolution" of the Donkey Kong monster truck in progress.

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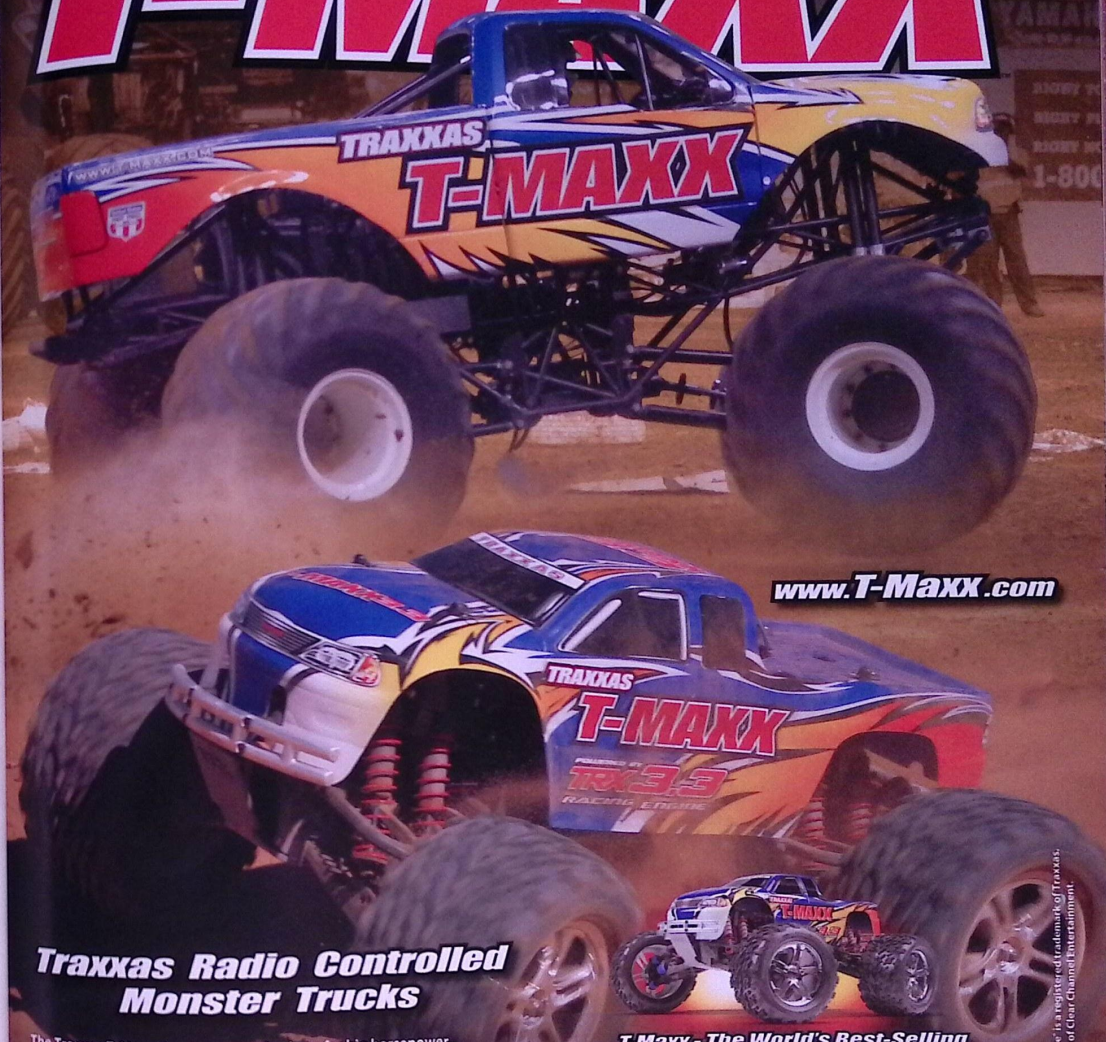

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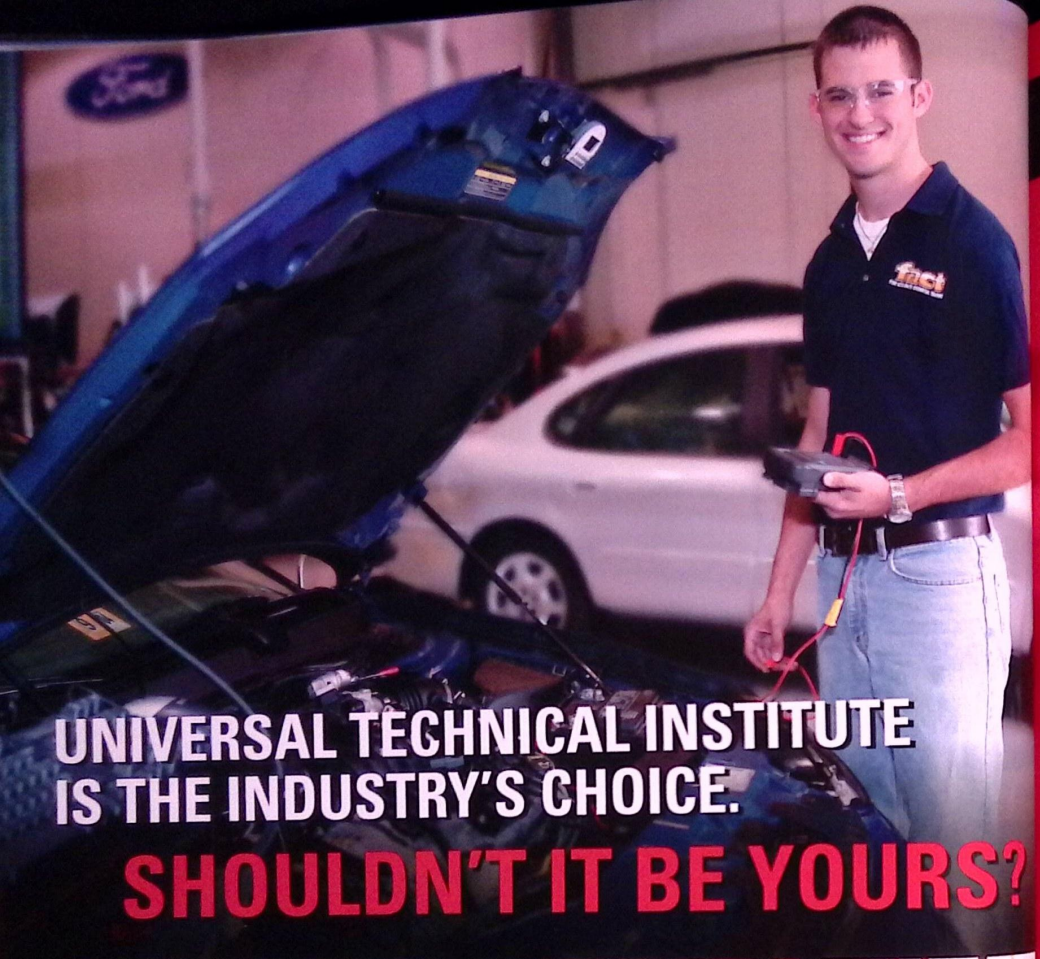

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Kevin Jacobi wins 2nd annual scholarship!

Universal Technical Institute and Monster Jam will once again team up with Grave Digger's Dennis Anderson to offer a $20,000 scholarship to any UTI campus. The 3rd annual Grave Digger Scholarship winner will be announced at the Monster Jam World Finals on March 29, 2008. Last year the 2nd annual Grave Digger Scholarship was awarded to Kevin Jacobi at the Monster Jam World Finals on March 24th. Anderson selected Jacobi as the winner after reviewing a stack of other great submissions. Jacobi presented his passion and ability to become a top technician and emulated the same work ethic Anderson used to propel himself to the top of the Monster Jam world.

Kevin Jacobi grew up in West Bend, WI and has plans to enroll in UTI's Glendale Heights, IL campus. Kevin's passion for working on his 'toys' started early, so he sent in a tape where he showed his projects that he completed at a young age. Designing and building an amphicat was a big accomplishment at the age of 14. This was one of many projects, as well as interviews from Kevin's school teachers, that made his home video stand out.

The relationship between UTI and Monster Jam has grown tremendously as the union makes perfect sense. As Monster Jam grows, the need for skilled crewmen to keep these trucks running is high, and UTI provides these skills. That is why UTI has become the Official Technical Institute of Monster Jam. Dennis Anderson and other members of the Grave Digger Race Team have visited campuses across the country as part of UTI's Monster Jam Open House event. Prior to Monster Jam events in campus areas, the schools put on open houses with displays from well known industry partners such as Monster Jam and NASCAR. The drivers fielded questions from potential and current students, and even the instructors picked the brains of some of the best drivers in the business. Dennis Anderson himself was blown away by his first visit to the UTI campus in Mooresville, NC.

UTI, a nationwide provider of technical education, and Monster Jam have agreed to award driven students the Grave Digger Scholarship for years to come. So there is no need to worry about missing this great opportunity. Start filming and documenting your work as it will help your chances.

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MONSTER JAM: THE VIDEO GAME

BY MARK PODJASEK

No matter which gaming system you own, you can find plenty of racing games. They seem fairly straightforward; you hop in a car and go. But what if you had to create a game starring 12-foot-tall, 10,000-pound, bigger-than-life monster trucks? To make a truly authentic Monster Jam video game, none of the normal rules apply.

That's the challenge Activision met head-on when it set out to produce the only official Monster Jam video game. The Activision team knew what it wanted in the game, but it also knew that creating it wouldn't be easy. The team discovered that capturing the thrill and pure adrenaline rush of driving a 2,000-horsepower beast is anything but ordinary.

Monster trucks have made their way into video games before, but the Monster Jam game is the only one on the market that carries the official Monster Jam license, including 20 authentic Monster Jam monster trucks and nine of the biggest stadiums on the Monster Jam tour.

When Activision decided to make a monster truck game, the team knew there was only one place to go to capture the real-life experience.

"We wanted the biggest and best motorsports property in the world, so Monster Jam was our first and only choice," said game producer Aaron Thompson. "We knew that Monster Jam events were attended by million of fans every year, and that they had a great TV presence on SPEED and were even showcased on CBS this year. Obviously, there was no other choice."

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE TRUCKS

As any racing game fan will tell you, the vehicles are the most important thing about the experience. With a roster of 20 Monster Jam superstars to choose from, everyone's favorite is sure to be included.

"After traveling to a number of events and talking to the fans, we understood the importance of capturing the exact image of the trucks," Thompson commented. "We worked closely with Live Nation and all of the race teams to get everything perfect. We wanted to replicate the exact body styles and every last stroke of the incredible paint jobs. Anything less and all the Monster Jam fans would be sure to call us out on it."

CAPTURING THE SOUND OF A TRUE MONSTER

One of the more important aspects in replicating the Monster Jam experience is the sound of it all, specifically, the incredible adrenaline-pumping noise of the trucks themselves.

"We knew if we had to get one thing absolutely right, it was the sound of the truck's engines," stated game producer Aaron Thompson. "Capturing that sound was challenging, but also one of the coolest things we did during development. We went out to Grave Digger driver Dennis Anderson's race shop in North Carolina to record trucks for an entire day. We captured them starting, idling, accelerating, stopping, going over jumps, doing donuts – even crashing. I mean, where else would I ever have the opportunity to say to Dennis, 'OK, if you could just crash now, we'll have everything we need'? Plus, the equipment we were using had a tendency to shut down because of the sheer volume of the sounds we were trying to record, but we managed to capture it all perfectly. It was a really unique experience."

The team also borrowed the talents of Scott Douglass, one of Monster Jam's main floor announcers who also does play-by-

play on the television shows. He went into the studio to record live calls for the game. "He laid down some really colorful commentary to make the experience complete, and we were excited to be able to get him on board," Thompson said.

THE LIVE EVENT EXPERIENCE

Activision wanted to go one step further than other monster truck games by recreating the authentic Monster Jam live event atmosphere. This had never been attempted before because most generic games didn't offer the stadium events that have made Monster Jam so famous. To get it right, Thompson knew that he and his team would need help.

"We've talked to drivers, mechanics, event coordinators, event announcers, anyone that had an opinion about what should go into a Monster Jam game. But the most important information came from the fans we interviewed. I'd never spoken to people so passionate about something, and they had some incredible input. First and foremost, they wanted true, full-blown stadium action, including the ability to compete in racing and freestyle events and eventually do battle at the Monster Jam World Finals at Sam Boyd Stadium in Las Vegas. And that's the thing that I'm probably most proud of – the fact that we were able to capture that for them."

"We went to a ton of events," Thompson added, "just to make sure we would get it right, and it's all there. Everything you see happening on the track can happen in the game. For example, during freestyle, you can crush cars, catch massive air, do sky wheelies and slap wheelies, and pull off donuts and cyclones. Your truck also behaves accordingly as well. The fiberglass bodies won't just show damage; pieces will actually fly off in certain situations, all the way down to the bare chassis. If you land too hard or hit something awkwardly, you run the risk of losing some tires. And all these things affect your truck's handling and performance, not just its looks. But, since losing a tire never stopped Grave Digger or Maximum Destruction's freestyles, you'll be able to continue your run to a certain extent – unless you really have a lead foot and blow your engine. Then, it's over!"

Thompson and his team did not ignore the flip side of the Monster Jam coin, either. "The racing portion of the stadium events incorporates a number of different Monster Jam track styles: straight-line racing, J-hook tracks, Chicago-style roundy round, and so on," he said. "But while different, they all produce the same things: crushed cars, huge air, tight corners, awesome speed, and plenty of destruction."

Activision also wanted Monster Jam fans to be able to leave the stadium scene and get the trucks outdoors, where they could really open them up. The game features outdoor circuit events with a combination of lap racing and freestyle. Gamers will compete in races against other trucks with "ample opportunity to create massive amounts of destruction. We're talking about destroying warehouse environments, creating havoc in an open quarry, tearing up old airports, and more," Thompson said. "There are also multiple paths you can take in any given race, like jumping off a giant cliff, for example. You could race three laps and each of them would be different. We think it puts a whole different spin on the game."

For the past year, Thompson and his team have lived and breathed Monster Jam, and their commitment is evident in the final version of the game.

"We set out to make this game true to the Monster Jam name and offer a unique style of racing not seen anywhere else. In order to do that, we consumed anything Monster Jam-related we could get our hands on. The initial testing has been very well received, and when people play the game, I think everyone will see that we pulled it off. We captured exactly what Monster Jam is all about, and that makes us really proud."

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MAKE A WISH MONSTER

BY PATTI MAPES

If you could have only one wish granted, what would it be? Most kids would ask for a trip to Disney World, a Playstation or XBOX, a chance to meet a celebrity, or even for their very own pony. One very special fan, Riley McCord, was granted his wish for a meet-and-greet with the stars of Monster Jam at the best event in the world -- Monster Jam World Finals in Las Vegas!

Born prematurely, Riley suffers from an array of medical disorders that have a profound affect on his everyday life. He spent the first years of his life dependant on oxygen and a heart monitor. He also spent a year on a ventilator, which caused him to develop chronic lung disease. At one point, he experienced kidney failure. He must use a wheelchair for the rest of his life due to the affects of cerebral palsy.

Despite everything Riley has gone through in his short life, he is one energetic child, with a passion for monster trucks.

At just 11 years old , Riley could go head to head with any Monster Jam fan in monster truck trivia.

"Riley eats, sleeps, and dreams Monster Jam," says his mother, Tiffany.

Riley is virtually a vault of monster truck knowledge, due to his endless supply of Monster Jam shows that he has recorded on his parents' television. Yes, he learned how to set and record all of the Monster Jam shows that air on SPEED throughout the year. According to Riley's mother, about 99 percent of the shows saved on their DVR are Monster Jam events. Riley watches them daily and can recite word for word everything the announcers and drivers say in their speeches.

But before we get too far ahead, let's go back to when Riley was bitten by the Monster Jam bug.

Riley first encountered monster trucks at his eighth birthday. A friend gave him a monster truck die cast as a gift, but he didn't really realize how great the trucks were until he started watching the Monster Jam DVDs that came with the gift.

Once he watched the footage of the massive destruction that occurs at a Monster Jam event, an obsession began.

After a few years of watching the same DVDs over and over again, Riley's parents decided to take him to the real thing. He saw his first Monster Jam event less than two years ago in Toledo, Ohio, only one hour away from his hometown of Sandusky. One look at the 10,000 pound trucks and a super fan was born.

After seeing the massive trucks crush everything in their way, Riley wanted to make a track of his own.

If you happen to be in his neighborhood, you may get to see your very own Monster Jam - Riley style.

Riley (with the help of his parents) will create an obstacle course in their front yard, complete with soda cans, pizza boxes, shoe boxes, and orange safety cones. Once the track is set, Riley crushes everything in sight with his wheelchair-wrecking machine.

On Halloween last year, Riley's parents re-created the Grave Digger 25th Anniversary truck to put over his wheelchair, so he could be Digger for Halloween.

At home, Riley's bedroom is getting a complete makeover- Monster Jam style. The walls are covered in autographed pennants from all the drivers as well as framed photos from Riley's encounters with his super heroes.

Currently, the room is painted red, like his favorite truck, El Toro Loco. But if he changes his mind about which is his favorite truck, who knows what color it will have to be painted next?

After seeing Riley's excitement over monster trucks, a family friend nominated him through Kids Wish Network for a trip to the Monster Jam World Finals.

A few months later, Riley's family received confirmation that they would be traveling to Las Vegas to see the best monster trucks in the world.

Riley's parents told him ahead of time, not realizing that they were in store for a daily barrage of questions: "Is it March yet? Are we leaving for World Finals today? Can I meet Lupe (the original El Toro Loco driver)?"

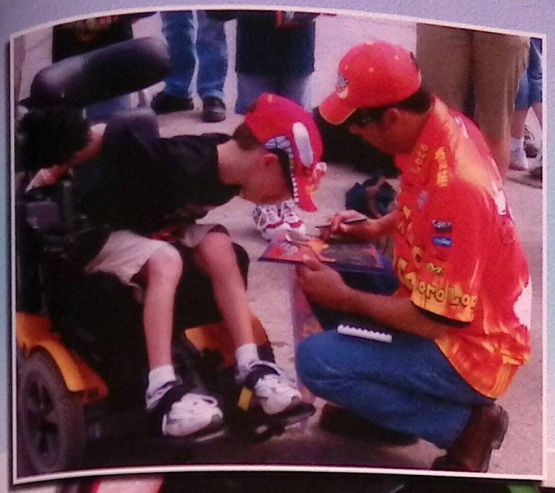
To help Riley count the days until they would leave for Las Vegas, Tiffany McCord created a construction paper chain in the colors of El Toro Loco with each link representing a day until the journey would begin. At the end of the chain was the El Toro Loco puff truck, one of Riley's most prized possessions. First thing every morning, Riley would rip one of the chain links, bringing him closer to his greatest wish.

When the chain finally ended, Riley and his family packed up for Vegas and headed west.

On Friday, March 23, a small group of "wish kids" met with Monster Jam staff for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Monster Jam World Finals.

As the tour began, they stopped to meet a few drivers hanging out inside the tent at the ride truck staging area. Among them were Chad Fortune (*Superman*), John Seasock (*Batman*), and Randy Brown (*Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle*).

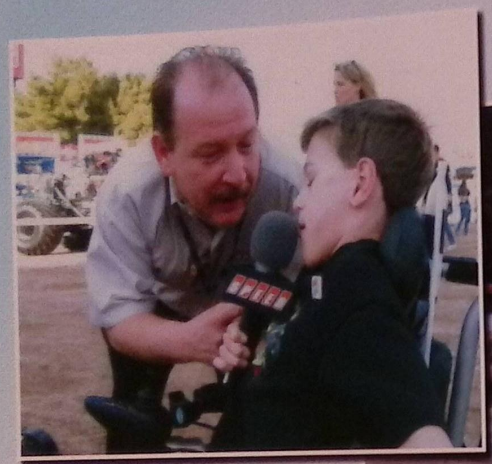
Now, most fans would look at Randy Brown in his Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle fire suit and think, "That's



the driver of the Turtle truck." Not Riley. He knew that Brown usually drives one of the seven Grave Digger trucks throughout the Monster Jam series and recognized him right away.

Riley was the star of the group. He impressed all the drivers by spinning around in his wheelchair to show how he does his own version of the donut. Riley rolled right over to Chad Fortune, standing at an imposing 6-feet-6-inches tall, and showed him his donut skills.

Fortune lifted Riley into the ride truck and took Riley and his family for an experience of a lifetime - a chance to ride in the back of a monster truck!



After feeling the rumble of riding in an actual monster truck, Riley got to spend quality time with Seasock, driver of *Batman*. Riley gave him a special coin that he had decorated from the Kids Wish Network.

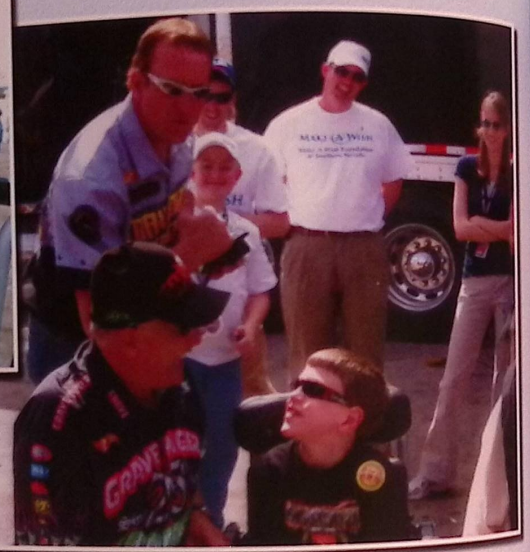
On top of being an avid Monster Jam fan, Riley loves doing arts and crafts and created a tire wheel with a Kids Wish Network coin on one side and a picture of himself with a big grin on the other side. He created enough of these good luck charms for every competing driver in the Monster Jam World Finals.

As they made their way through the pits, all drivers were greeted by this mini-monster truck driver-in-training with his impressive donuts and a commemorative "Riley" coin.

Moving further into the pits, the group came upon one of Riley's favorite Grave Digger drivers, Charlie Pauken, who was driving Monster Mutt in the Finals. Riley made such an impression that Pauken gave the hat off his head to him.

While visiting with Pauken, a lovely lady caught Riley's eye. Monster Mutt Dalmatian driver Candice Jolly was making her rounds in the pits and stopped by to hang out with Riley and the rest of the Wish kids. According to Riley's mom, her son now has a huge crush on Jolly after meeting her in Vegas!

Nearby, Pablo Huffaker was visiting with his family next to the soon-to-be revealed Captain's Curse truck. Riley took a lucky detour from the rest of the group and was treated like royalty in the Huffaker camp. Huffaker himself gave Riley a personal tour of the inside of the trailer that hauled Captain's Curse across the United States. Riley tried on Huffaker's racing helmet, saw where all the tools are kept in the trailer, and most importantly, had one-on-one time with the soon-to-be 2007 Monster Jam World Finals Freestyle Champion. Before leaving Huffaker's trailer, Riley acquired a pirate necklace as well as a racing flag to decorate his wheelchair.



The look on Riley's face said it all - he looked like the happiest boy in the world!

As Riley was leaving Huffaker's trailer, he caught sight of the horn from his favorite monster truck and cried out in excitement, "EL TORO LOCO!"

With his parents racing after him, Riley cranked his wheelchair up to full speed to see his favorite driver, Lupe Soza.

Riley was so excited that he asked more questions before Lupe could answer them. "This is what it's all about, making a wish come true," Soza said after meeting Riley.

After taking picture after picture with Soza, it was time to meet the man himself: Dennis Anderson.

As they strolled over to Camp Dennis, Riley became one of the first fans to see the top secret chrome 25th Anniversary Grave Digger truck. Being the ever-knowledgeable fan, Riley asked Anderson all sorts of questions about his arm and how it was feeling (Anderson was out for a majority of the season with a broken collarbone).

While he was visiting Anderson, a surprise visitor came along and put a Maximum Destruction hat on Anderson's head. It was none other than Anderson's main rival -- Tom Meents! After Anderson realized who put a hat on his head, he and Meents started a playful smack-talking session that ended with Meents putting his hat on top of Riley's head. The look on Riley's face said it all - he looked like the happiest boy in the world!

On their way out of the pits, Riley's family ran into Live Nation's vice president of operations, Roy Janson. Janson was so taken with Riley and his energy that he offered a personal tour of the track. Riley's family saw all the dirt jumps and obstacles up close and personal before they were revealed to the public. If his parents hadn't kept a close eye on him, Riley would have tried to take his wheelchair up one of the ramps!

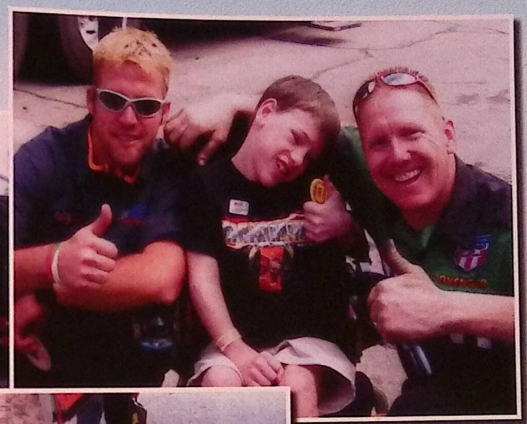
As the family exited the floor, they ran into one of Riley's favorite announcers, Scott Douglass. When Douglass was introduced to Riley, he realized what a rare fan he was meeting. Riley gave Douglass a run for his money with monster truck trivia. At one point, Riley even started to interview him! Douglass had better watch out; Riley may one day take his job.

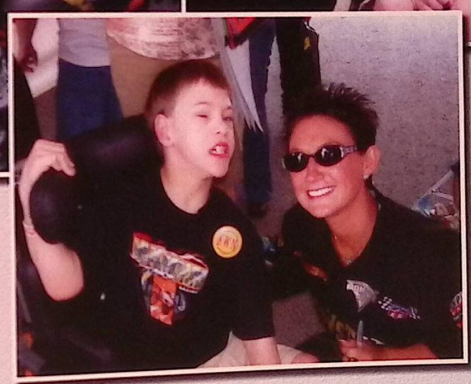
The private tour was over at that point, but it was just the beginning of the excitement for Riley and his family.

As part of his wish, he participated in the Friday night Double Down. Double Down is an experience for 5,000 of the greatest Monster Jam fans to have their own private pit party before the crowds on Saturday, watch qualifying for racing, have a barbeque, get cool merchandise, and get the first peek at the Monster Jam World Finals track. At the SPEED booth, Riley recited everything that the announcers said from memory.

After a busy day on Friday and all the festivities on Saturday, Riley received another surprise when John Seasock was being interviewed and promised the audience that if he won either of the racing or freestyle portions of the Monster Jam World Finals, he would dedicate it to his good friend, Riley.

Throughout all of the racing, Riley cheered on his pal, hoping for a win, and was rewarded when Seasock was given the Monster Jam World Finals racing trophy at the end of the event.





After the show, the drivers participated in an autograph session that lasted several hours. When Seasock received word that Riley was outside of the autograph tent, he promptly got up and swept Riley up in his arms and kept repeating, "I did this for you!"

Though Riley's ultimate wish weekend was over, there was still more to look forward to.

A few weeks after the Monster Jam World Finals, CBS ran a special on the event and the McCord household had a party for family and friends to watch.

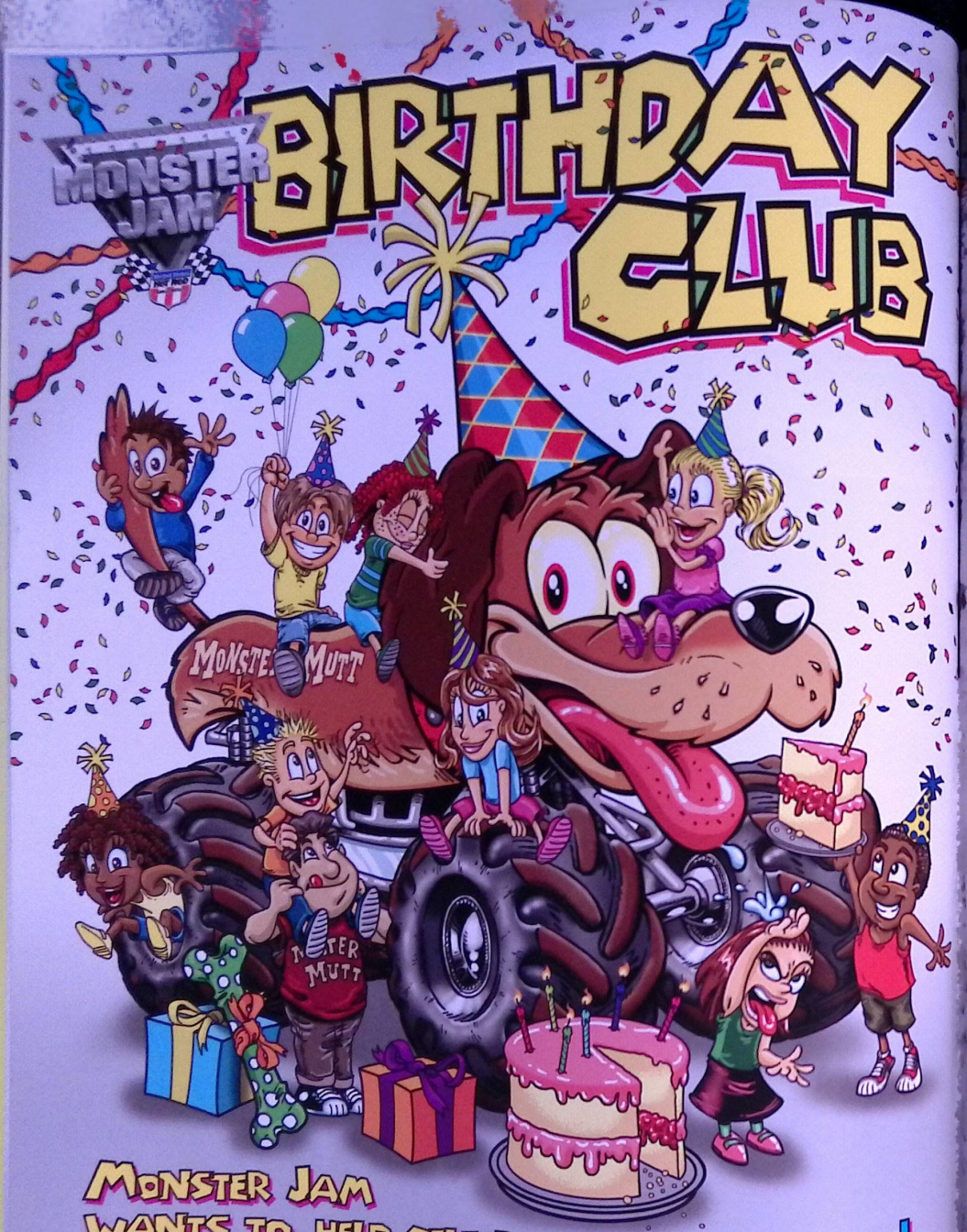
Unbeknownst to the family, Riley made an appearance in the special! CBS had footage of Riley meeting Anderson - "Look! It's me with the icon!" as he so dearly calls him.

Not only did Riley make the CBS special on the event, but the producers found him so endearing that he also made the DVD of the Monster Jam World Finals 8! Now, Riley has proof of his unbelievable weekend with Monster Jam's finest.

It is not often that everyday people can make someone else's wish come true.

Even though coming to Monster Jam World Finals was Riley's wish, it is the wish of all the Monster Jam staff and drivers to make the fans happy. Seeing the look of happiness on Riley's face throughout the weekend will forever leave a memory etched in the minds of everyone who met him. It is not every day that such a charismatic, knowledgeable, and caring fan comes into the lives of the Monster Jam family, and we are grateful to the Kids Wish Network for making the experience possible for Riley, his family, and the Monster Jam drivers.

Ask yourself - if you could have one wish granted, what would it be?



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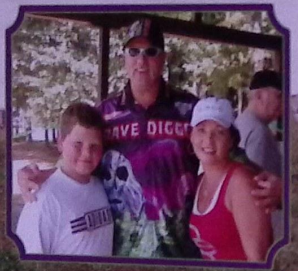

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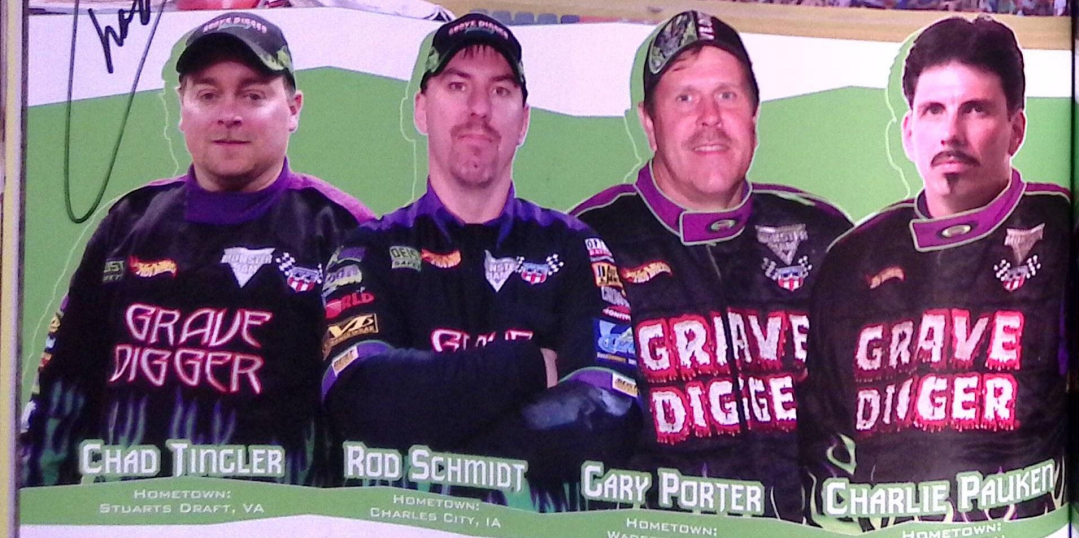

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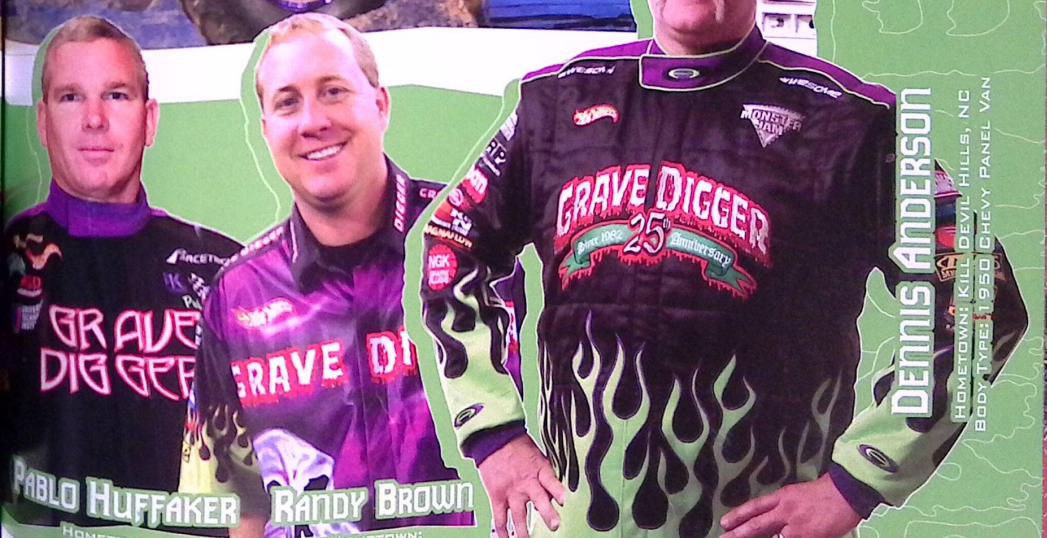
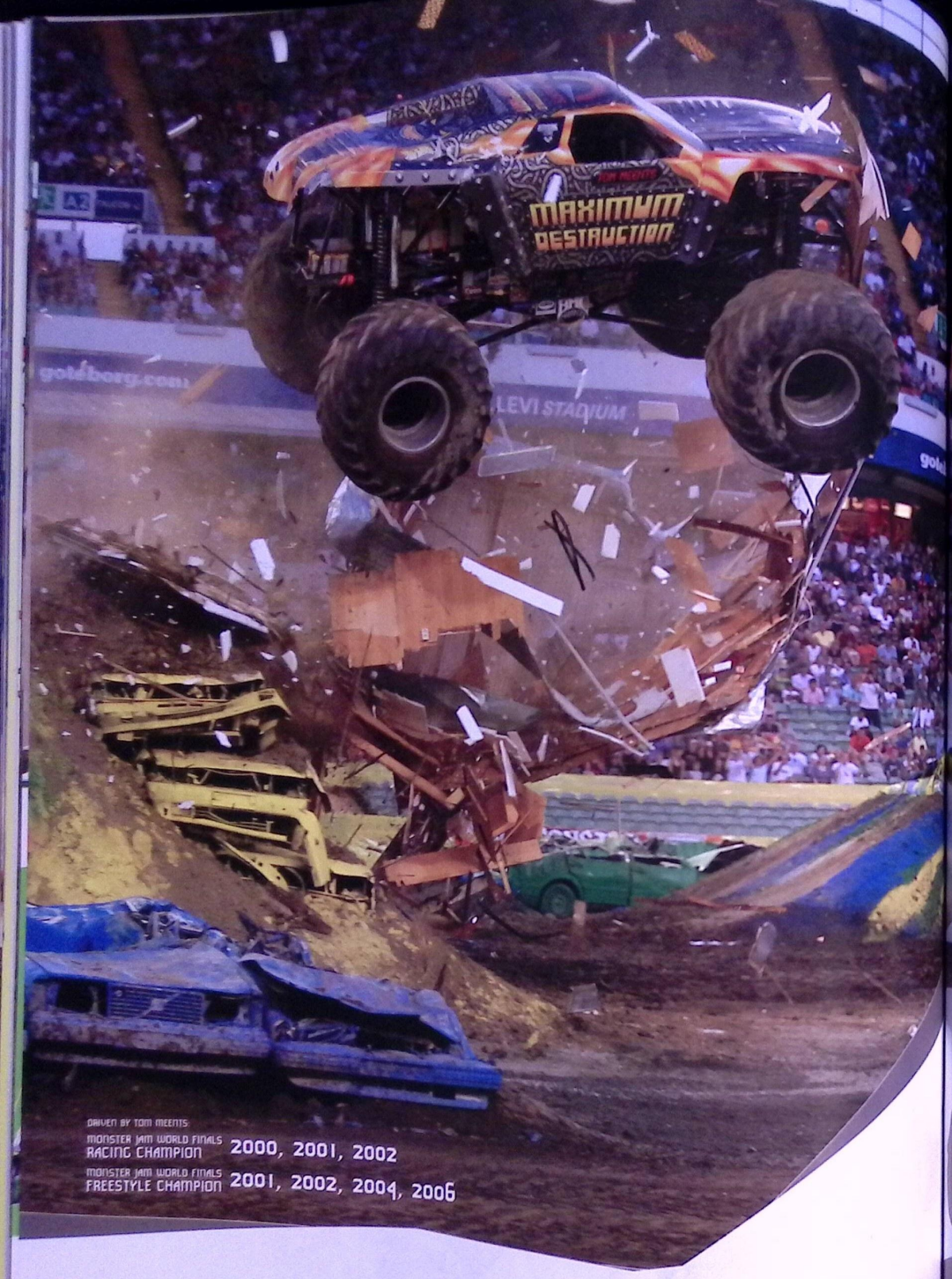


PABLO HUFFAKER
HOMETOWN: TOMBALL, TX

RANDY BROWN
HOMETOWN: CAMDEN, NC

DENNIS ANDERSON
HOMETOWN: KILL DEVIL HILLS, NC
BODY TYPE: 1950 CHEVY PANEL VAN



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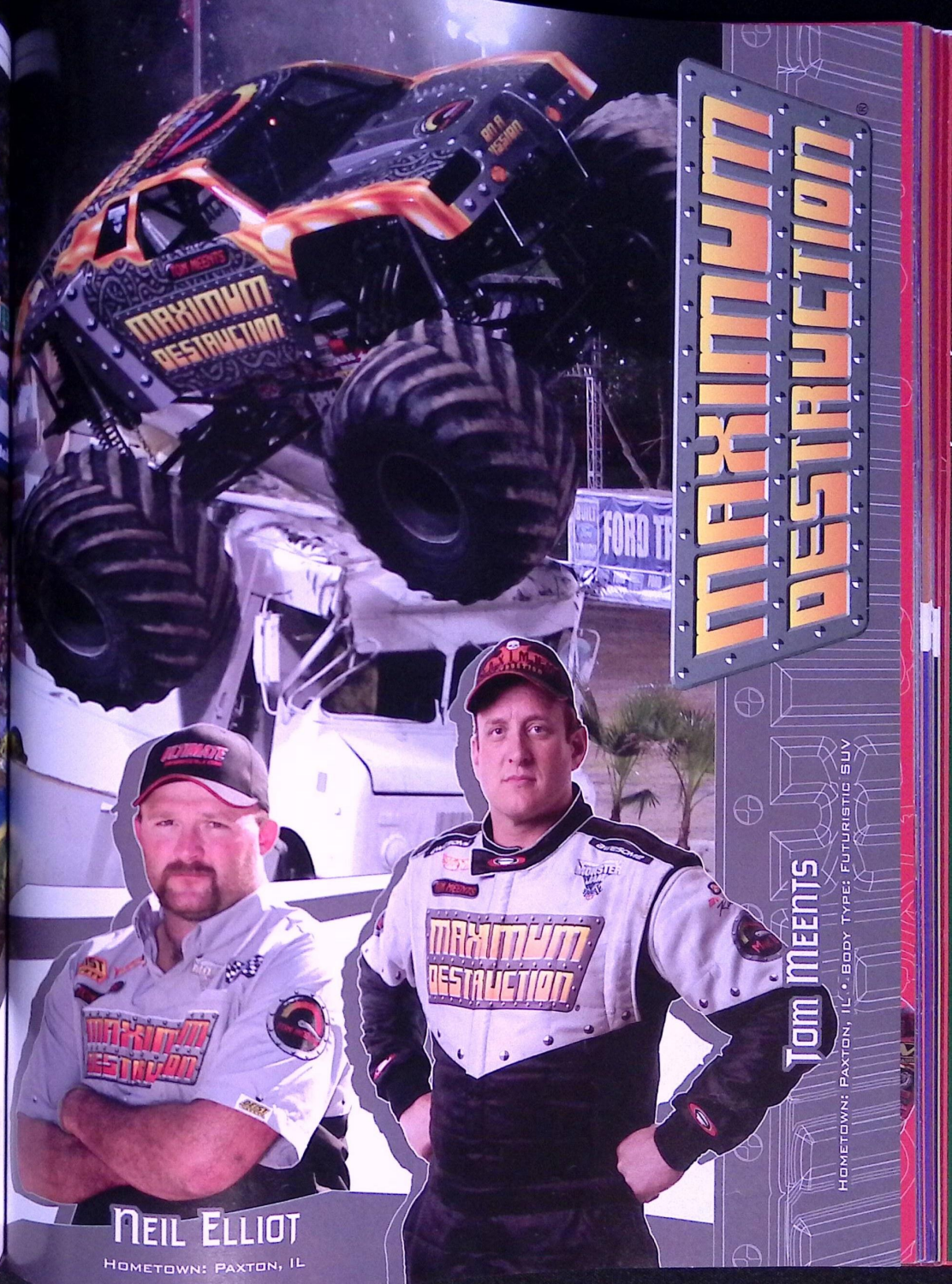

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HOMETOWN: PAXTON, IL • BODY TYPE: FUTURISTIC SUV

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BATMAN

John Seasock

Hometown: Frackville, PA • Body Type: Custom Concept Body

Captain's Curse

Driven by
Pablo Huffaker

Pablo Huffaker & Alex Blackwell (left)

Hometowns: Tomball, TX & Frackville, PA • Body Type: 1941 Willys

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Hometown: Nampa, ID • Body Type: 2006 GMC Raptor

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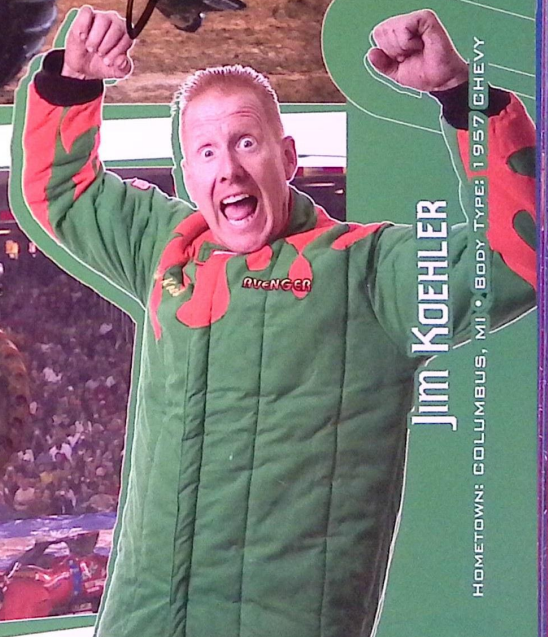

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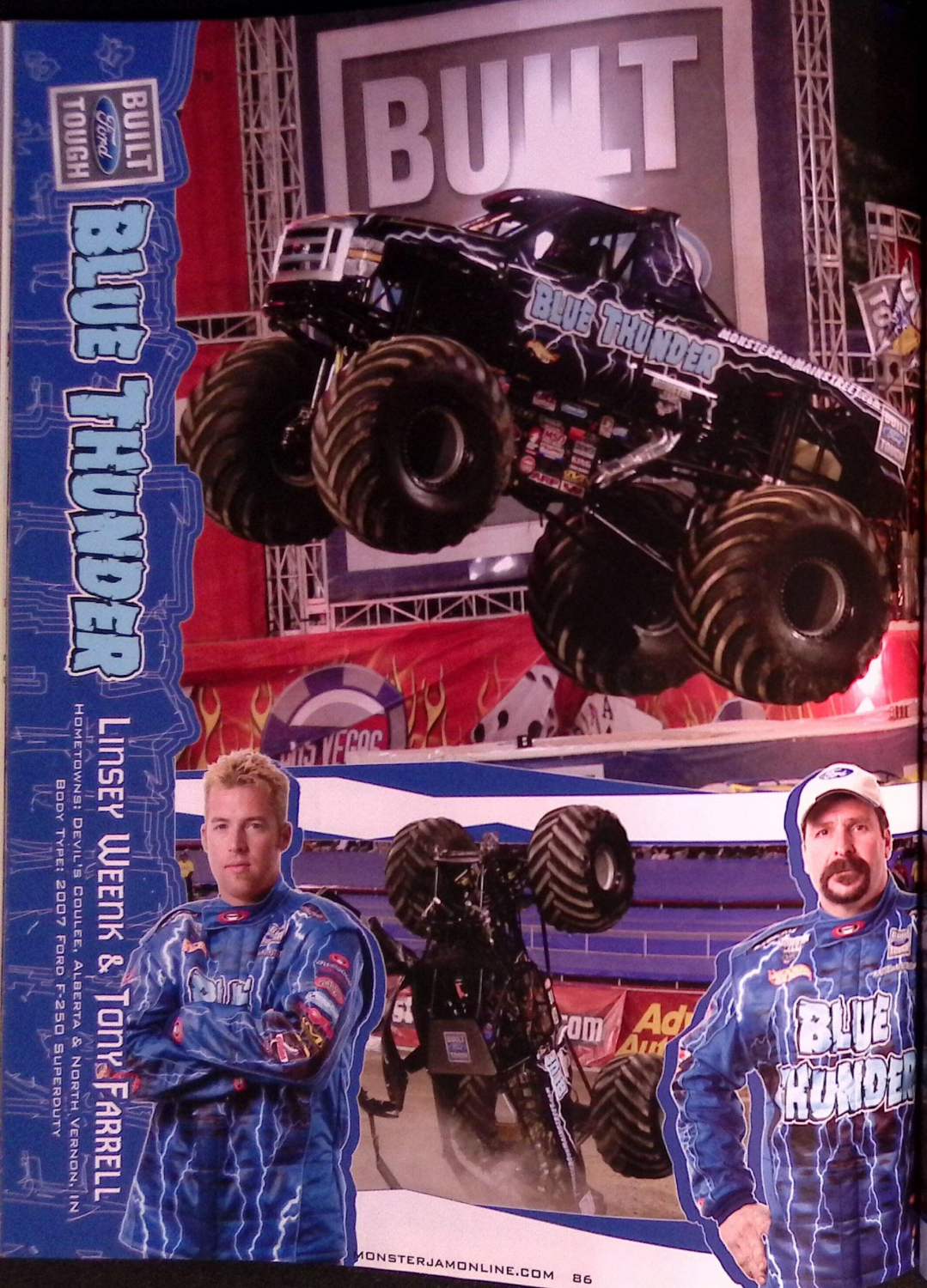
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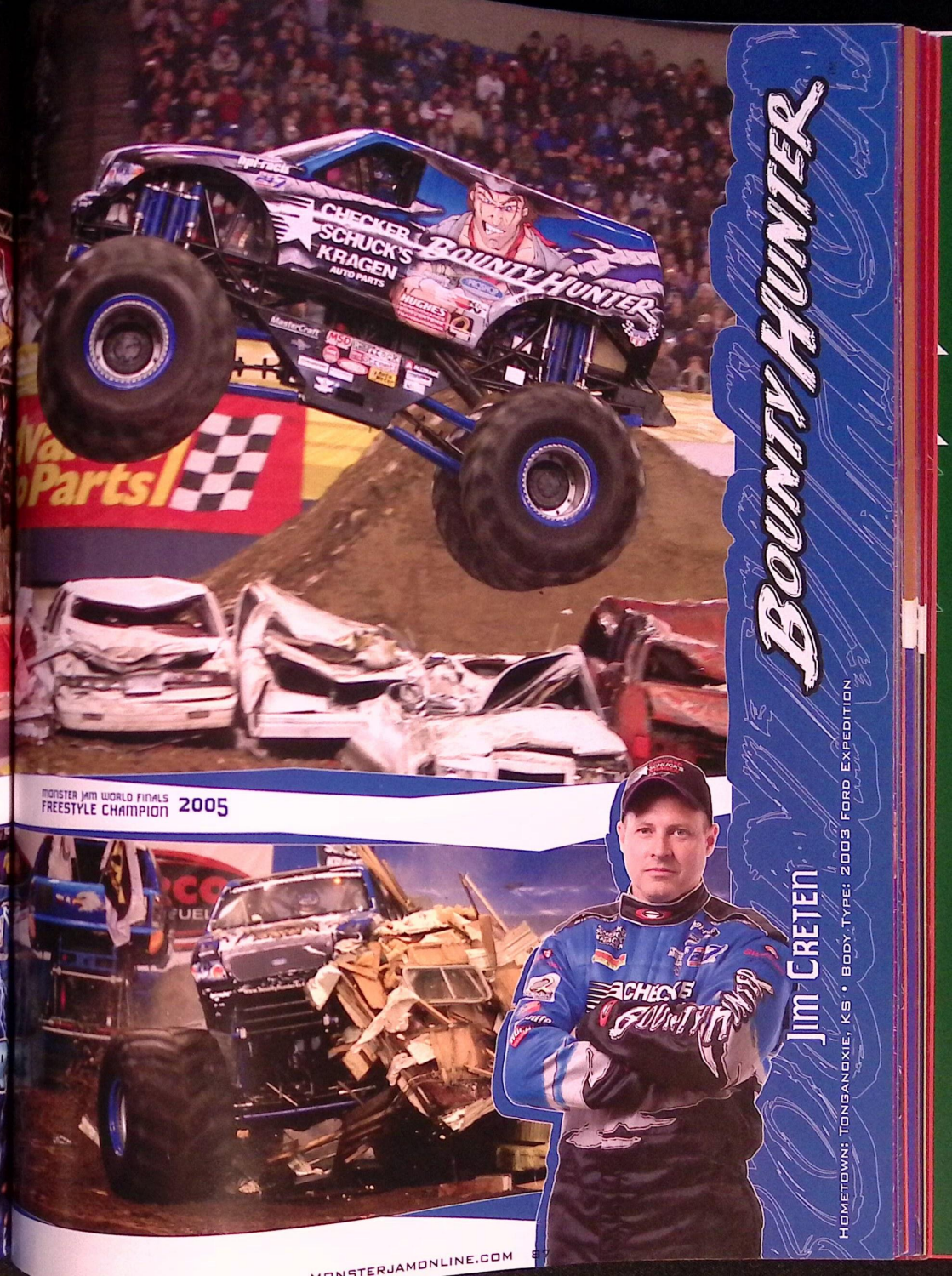
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BRUTUS

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Chris Berceron

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the DESTROYER

Dan Evans

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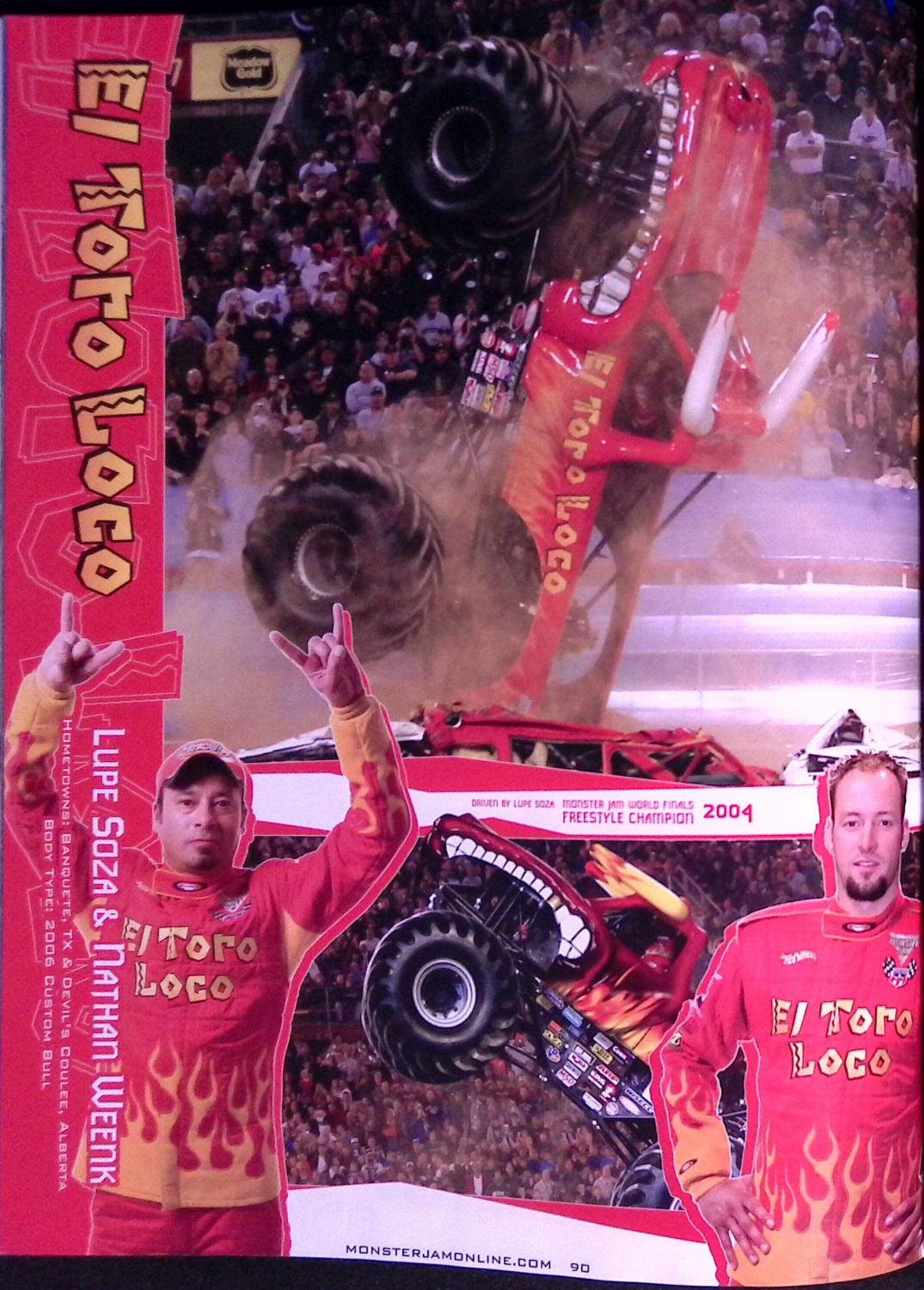
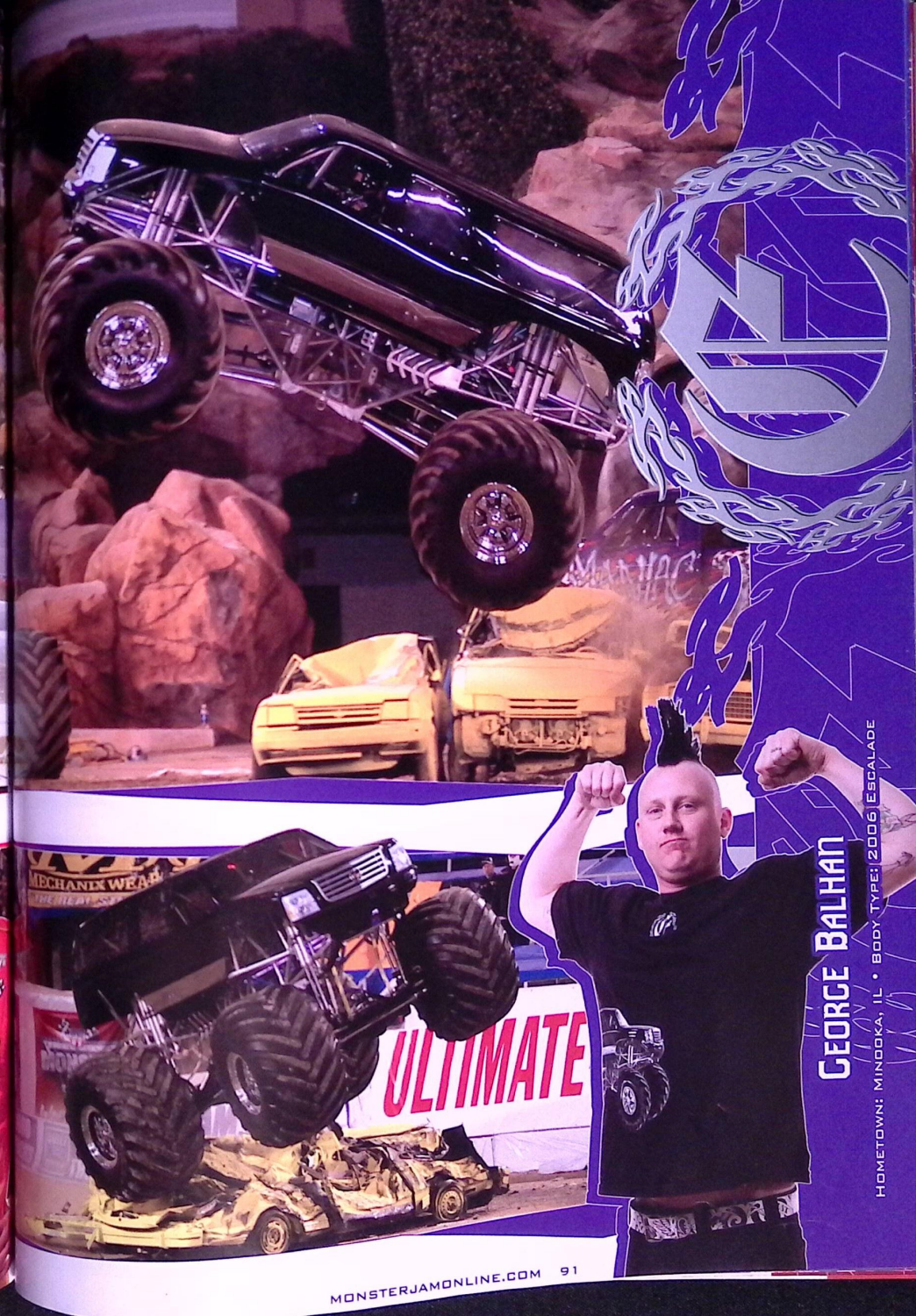
El Toro Loco



Lupe Soza & Nathan Weenk

Hometowns: Banquete, TX & Devil's Coulee, Alberta
Body Type: 2006 Custom Bull

Driven by Lupe Soza Monster Jam World Finals Freestyle Champion 2004



George Balhan

Hometown: Minooka, IL • Body Type: 2006 Escalade

Kreg Christensen

Hometown: Willard, UT • Body Type: 2003 Ford Expedition

KING KRUNCH

David Smith

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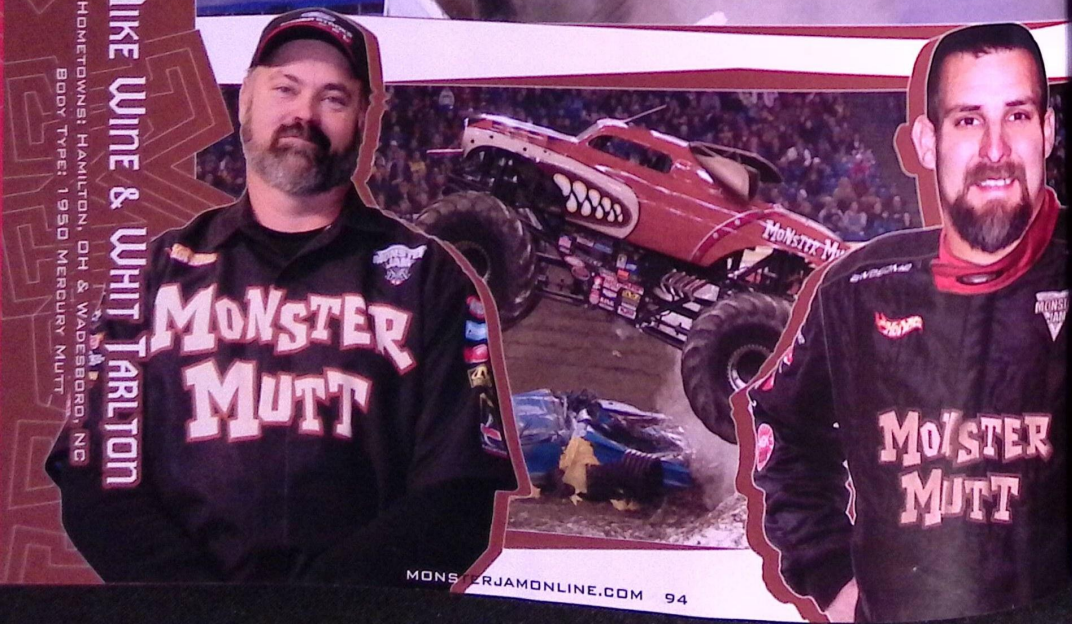
Monster Mutt



Mike Wine & Whit Tarlton

Hometowns: Hamilton, OH & Wadesboro, NC
Body Type: 1950 Mercury Mutt

Monster Mutt Dalmatian

Candice Jolly

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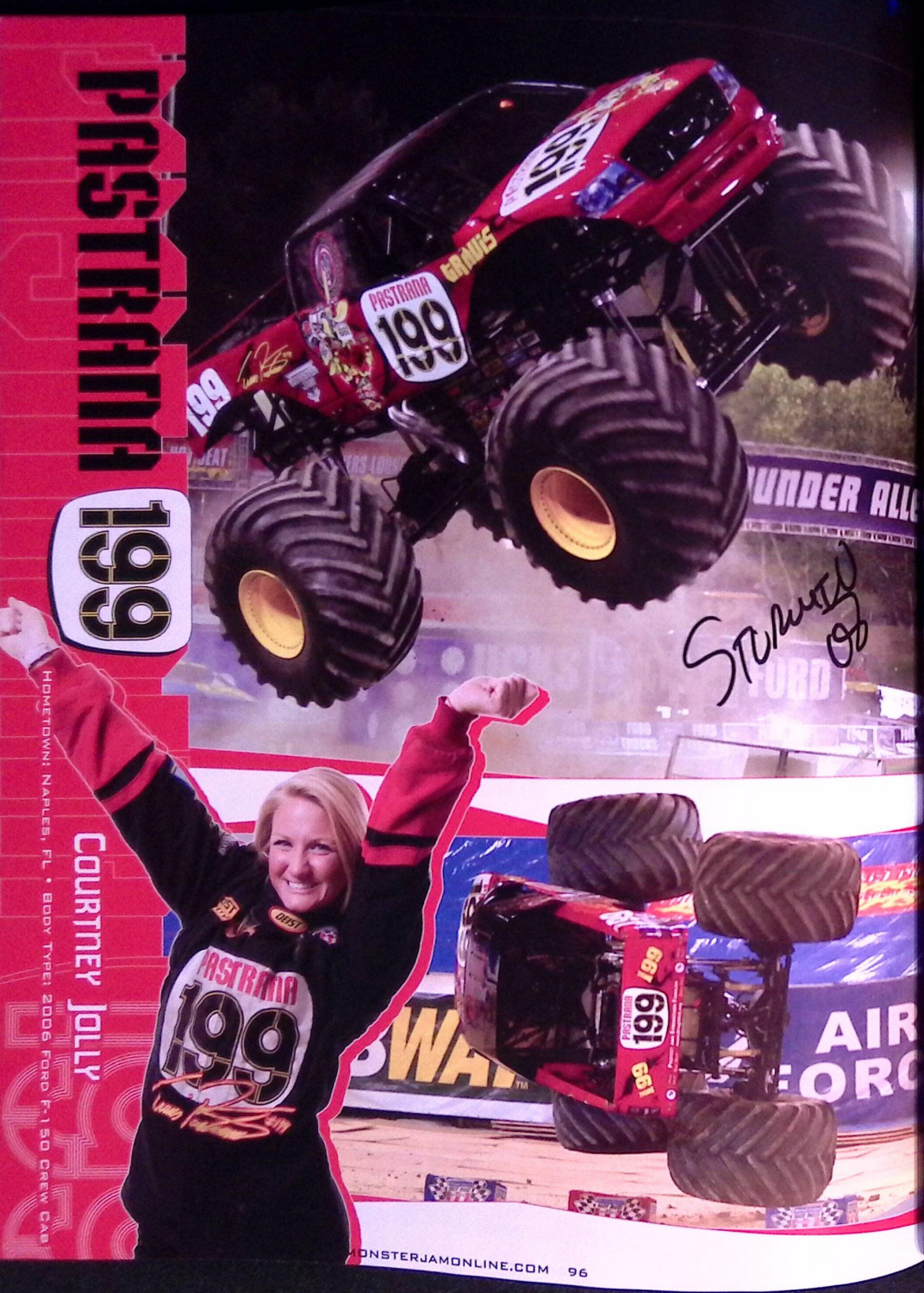

COURTNEY JOLLY

HOMETOWN: NAPLES, FL • BODY TYPE: 2006 FORD F-150 CREW CAB

SAFE AUTO MINIMIZER

MARC MCDONALD

HOMETOWN: VINITA, OK • BODY TYPE: 2006 FORD F-150

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Hometown: Tonganoxie, KS • Body Type: 2006 Ford Expedition

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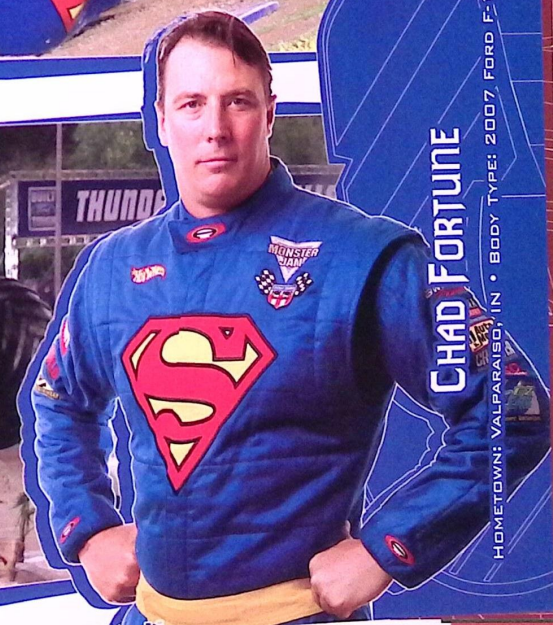
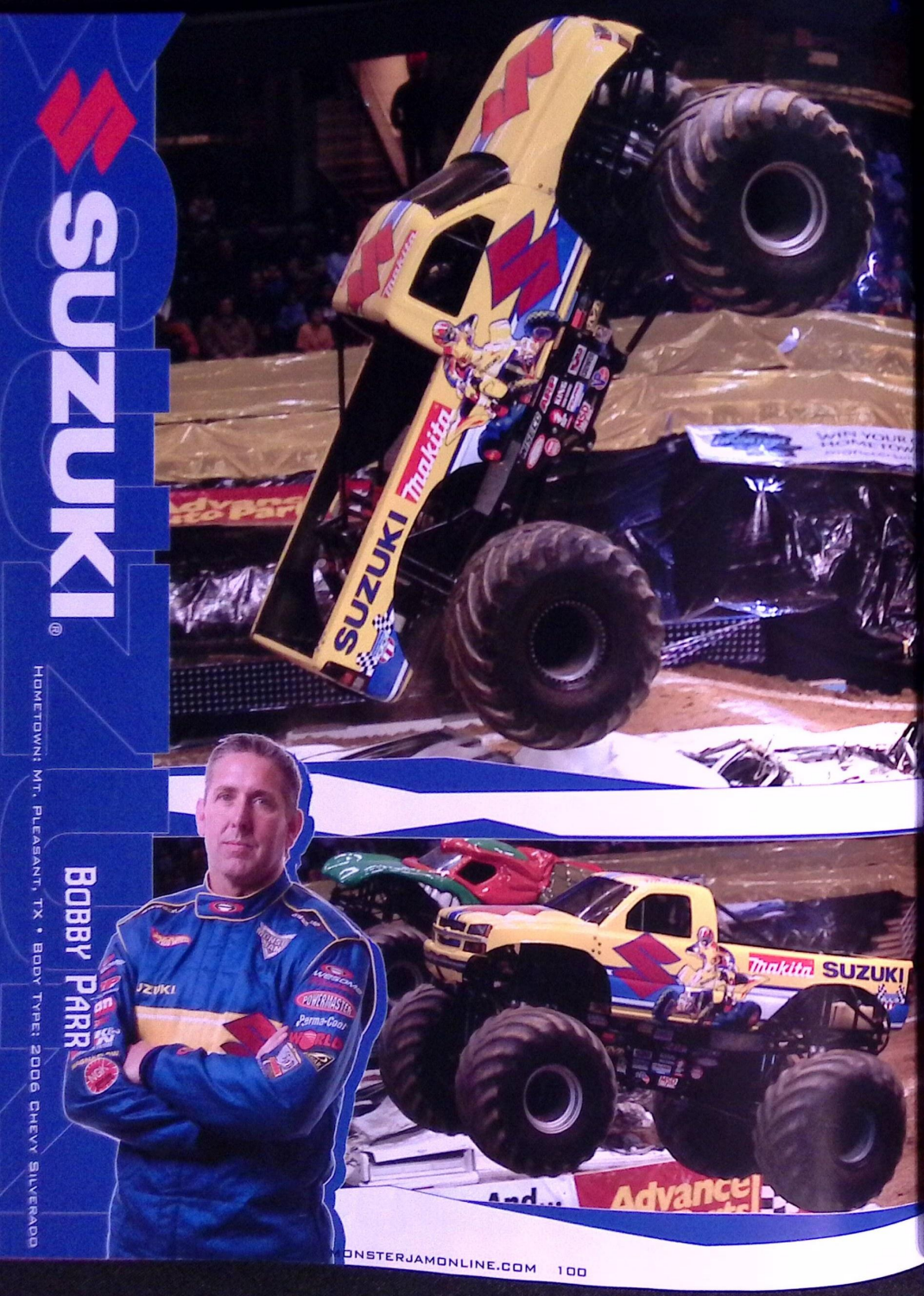


Chad Fortune

Hometown: Valparaiso, IN • Body Type: 2007 Ford F-150



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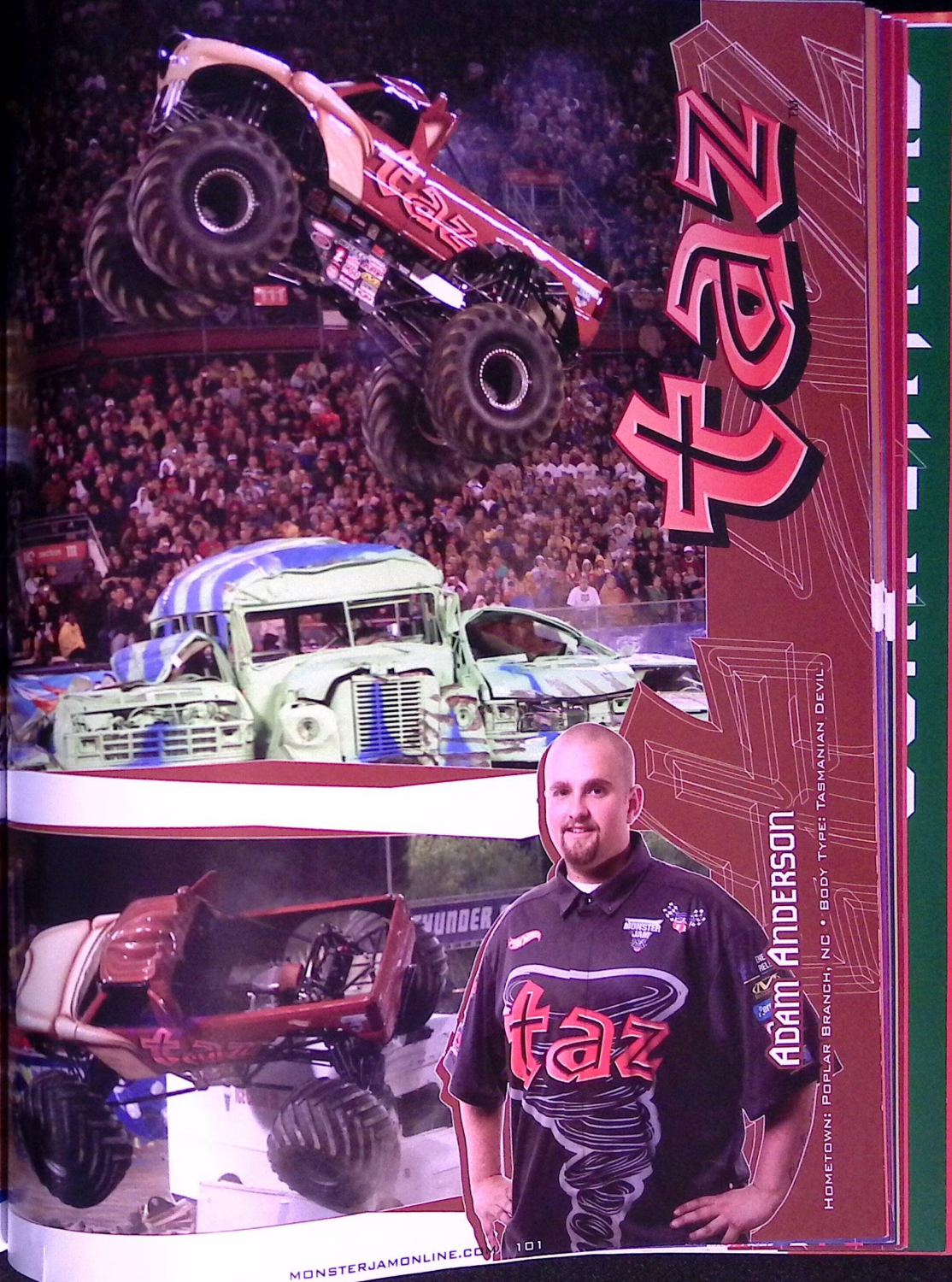

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ADAM ANDERSON

HOMETOWN: POPLAR BRANCH, NC • BODY TYPE: TASMANIAN DEVIL

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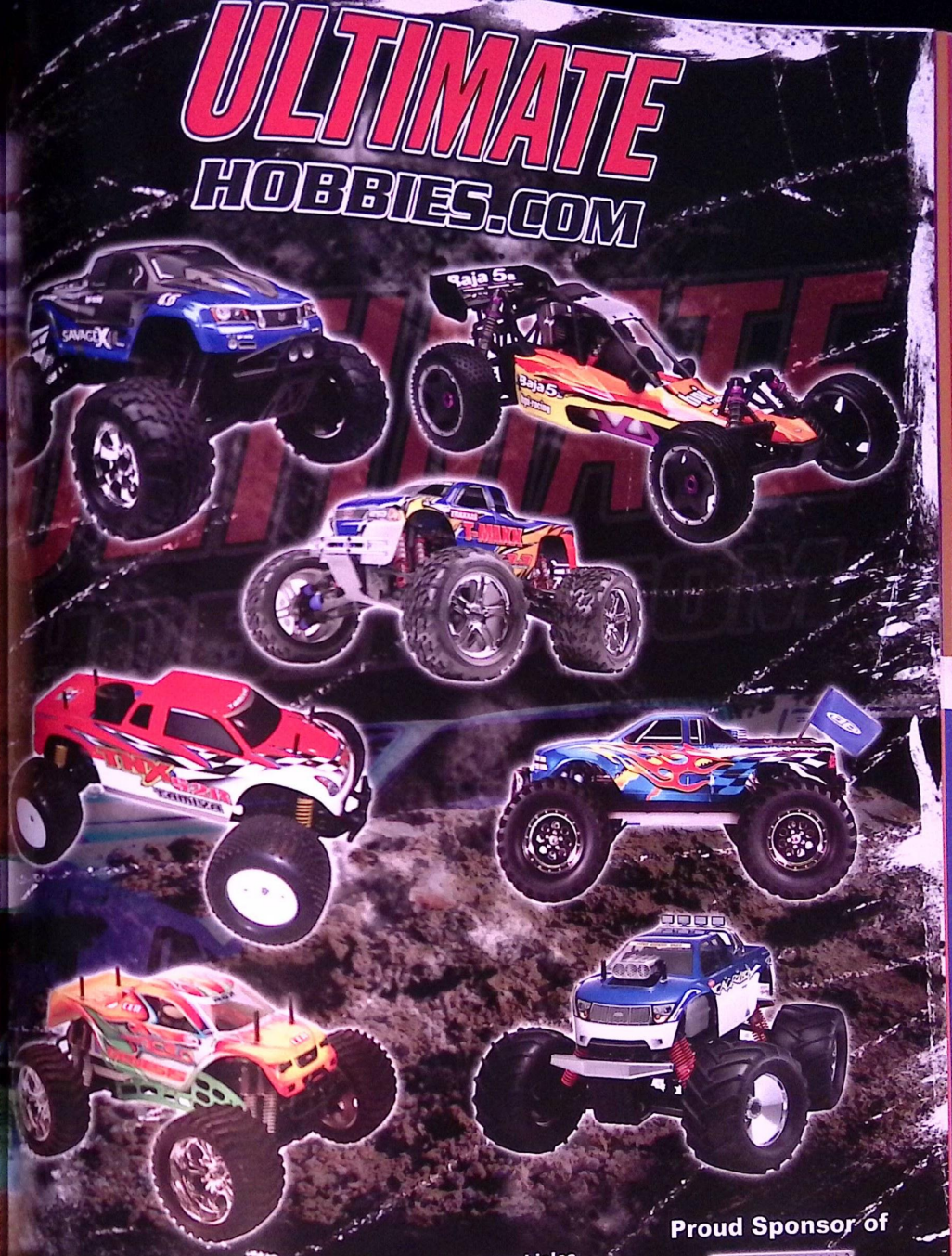

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Driver: Aaron Cromer
Hometown: Hellertown, PA
Body Type: 2006 Chevy Silverado

Annihilator

Driver: Greg Adams
Hometown: Lula, GA
Body Type: 2004 Ford F-150

ARACHNAPHOBIA

DRIVER: SCOTT ANDERSON
HOMETOWN: RIGBY, ID
BODY TYPE: 2001 CHEVY S-10

BACKDRAFT

DRIVER: JOHN KILLINGER
HOMETOWN: BANGOR, ME
BODY TYPE: 2003 DODGE

BAD HABIT

DRIVER: JOE SYLVESTER
HOMETOWN: BOARDMAN, OH
BODY TYPE: 2002 CHEVY SILVERADO

BAD NEWS

DRIVER: BRUCE HANEY
HOMETOWN: BRONSON, FL
BODY TYPE: 2008 CHEVY SILVERADO

BLACK STALLION

DRIVER: MIKE VATERS
HOMETOWN: HAGERSTOWN, MD
BODY TYPE: 2007 FORD F-150

THE BROKER

DRIVERS: JIM LEAHY & LOU ANTONOZZI
HOMETOWN: MANAHAWKIN, NJ & BARNEGAT, NJ
BODY TYPE: 2003 FORD F-150

BULLDOZER

DRIVER: CHUCK WERNER
HOMETOWN: PAXTON, IL
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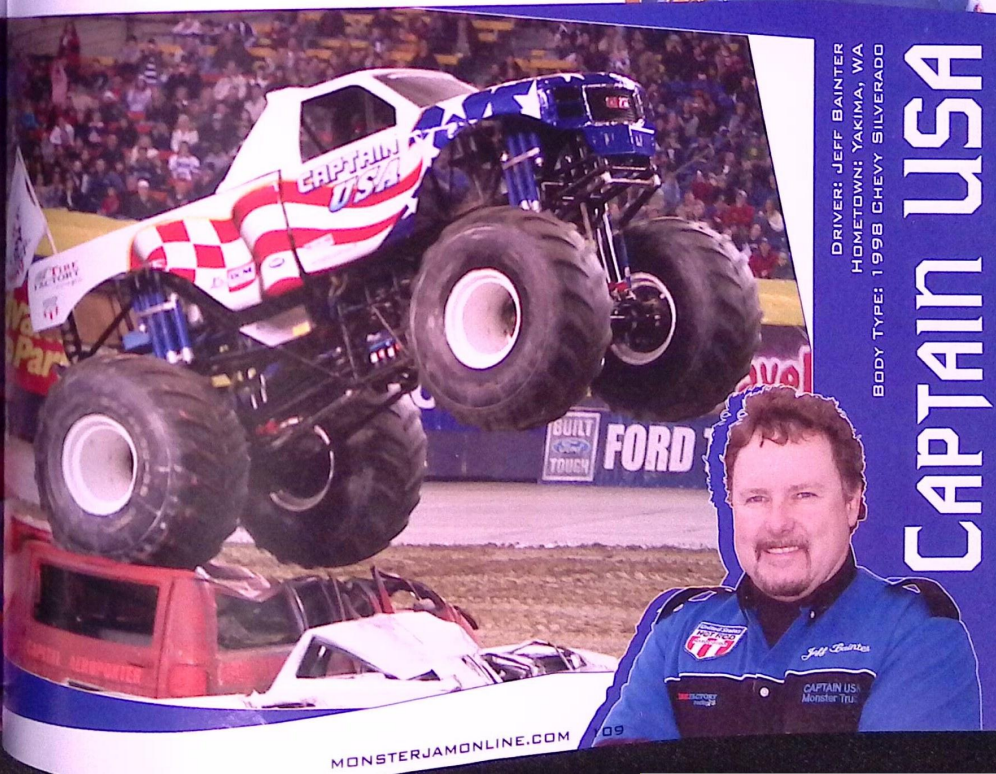

COWBOY

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Hometown: Edgewood, NM
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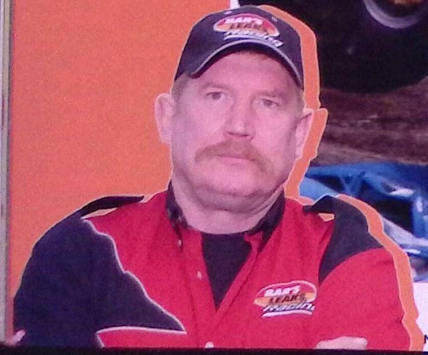

DEVASTATOR

Driver: Mark Schroeder
Hometown: Muskego, WI
Body Type: 2005 Chevy Silverado

DOMINATOR

Driver: Kyle Chandler
Hometown: Berwick, ME
Body Type: 2007 Dodge Ram

Donkey Kong

Driver: Frank Krmel
Hometown: Roseville, MI
Body Type: 2007 Custom Ape

Dragon Slayer

Driver: Michael Christensen
Hometown: Ogden, UT
Body Type: 2006 Hummer H2

El Matador

Driver: Darron Basl
Hometown: Spring, TX
Body Type: 2003 Chevy Silverado

Eradicator

Driver: Andy Slifko
Hometown: Pottsville, PA
Body Type: 2002 Dodge Dakota

Freedom Force

Driver: Jim Hochstatter
Hometown: Sublette, IL
Body Type: 2005 Chevy Silverado

Full Boar

Driver: Ed Eckert
Hometown: Newago, MI
Body Type: 2005 Ford Superduty

Gunslinger

Driver: Scott Hartsock
Hometown: Bushnell, FL
Body Type: 2002 Ford F-150

Instigator

Driver: Lionel Easler
Hometown: Kissimmee, FL
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Iron Warrior

Driver: Trey Meyers
Hometown: Brunswick, MD
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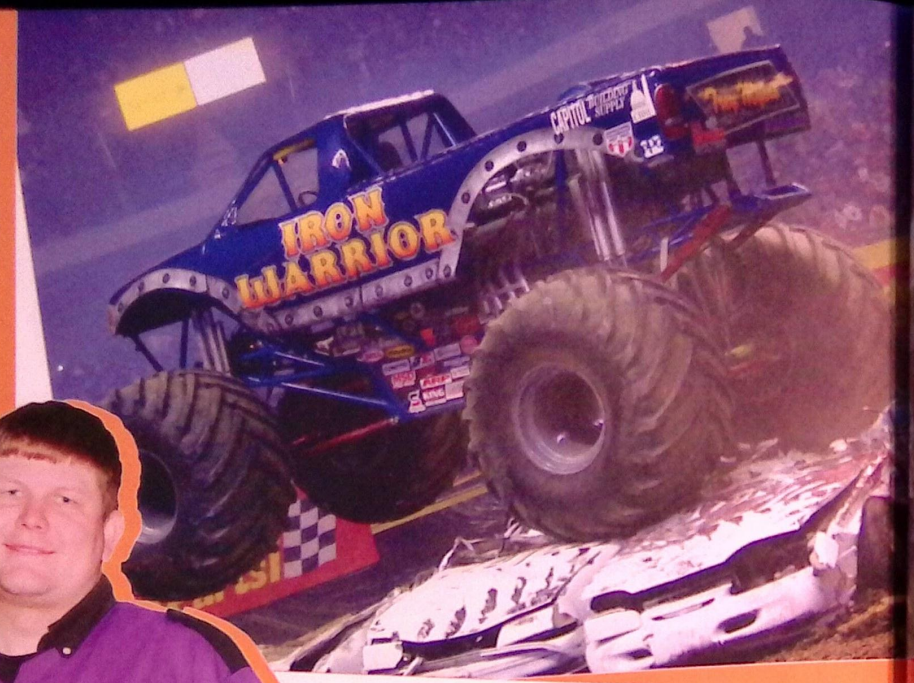

Jurassic Attack

Driver: Kristy Edge
Hometown: Abbotsford, BC
Body Type: Custom Triceratops

Maniac

Driver: Don Frankish
Hometown: Lethbridge, Alberta
Body Type: 2004 Ford Superduty

Martial Law

Driver: Paul Strong
Hometown: Albany, MN
Body Type: 2006 Ford F-150

McGRUFF

Driver: Rod Wood
Hometown: Marana, AZ
Body Type: 2006 Ford Superduty

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Drivers: Ricky Ownley & Gary Wiggins
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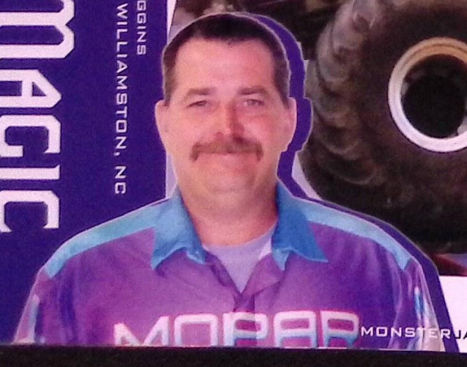

OBSESSION

Driver: Rick Swanson
Hometown: Menifee, CA
Body Type: 2003 Ford Superduty

THE PATRIOT

Driver: Dan Rodoni
Hometown: Santa Cruz, CA
Body Type: 2008 Chevy Silverado

PITBULL

Driver: Charles Bens
Hometown: Albuquerque, NM
Body Type: 1999 Chevy Silverado

POUNCER

Drivers: Dale Mitchell & Larry Jarzel
Hometown: Somerville, TN & Millington, MI
Body Type: 2002 Chevy Concept

PREDATOR

Driver: Allen Pezo
Hometown: Brentwood, TN
Body Type: 2002 Chevy Concept

PROWLER

Driver: Lenny Kuilder
Hometown: Seven Hills, OH
Body Type: 2002 Chevy Concept

Rap Attack

Driver: Dave Rappach
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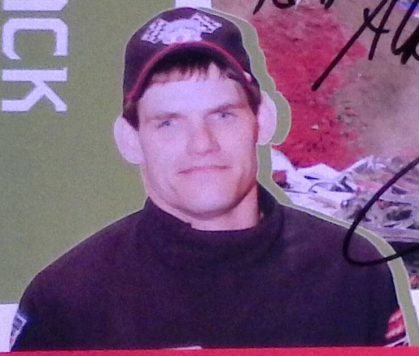


Rolling Thunder

Driver: Jim Bendzick
Hometown: Fairbault, MN
Body Type: 2006 Chevy Silverado

Screamin' Demon

Driver: Jay Snyder
Hometown: Bathesda, MD
Body Type: 2005 Ford Superduty

Shattered

Driver: Matt Powers
Hometown: Rigby, ID
Body Type: 1992 Chevy S-10

SHOCKER

DRIVER: PAT GERBER
HOMETOWN: BAKERSFIELD, CA
BODY TYPE: 2006 CHEVY COLORADO

SPIKE

DRIVER: RICH HILGENDORF
HOMETOWN: STERLING HEIGHTS, MI
BODY TYPE: CUSTOM SIBERIAN HUSKY

STONE CRUSHER

DRIVER: STEVE SIMS
HOMETOWN: VIRGINIA BEACH, VA
BODY TYPE: 2003 FORD SUPERDUTY

SUDDEN IMPACT

DRIVERS: JON ZIMMER & CASEY LADELLE (NOT SHOWN)
HOMETOWNS: ARLINGTON, VA & POTTER VALLEY, CA
BODY TYPE: 2004 FORD RANGER

Thrasher

Driver: Pat Summa
Hometown: Danbury, CT
Body Type: 2007 Toyota Tundra

T-Maxx

Drivers: Carl Van Horn & Sean Duon
Hometown: Elizabeth City, NC & New Orleans, LA
Body Type: T-Maxx RC Replica

Tropical Thunder

Driver: Phil Foster
Hometown: Paxton, IL
Body Type: 2002 Chevy

War Wizard

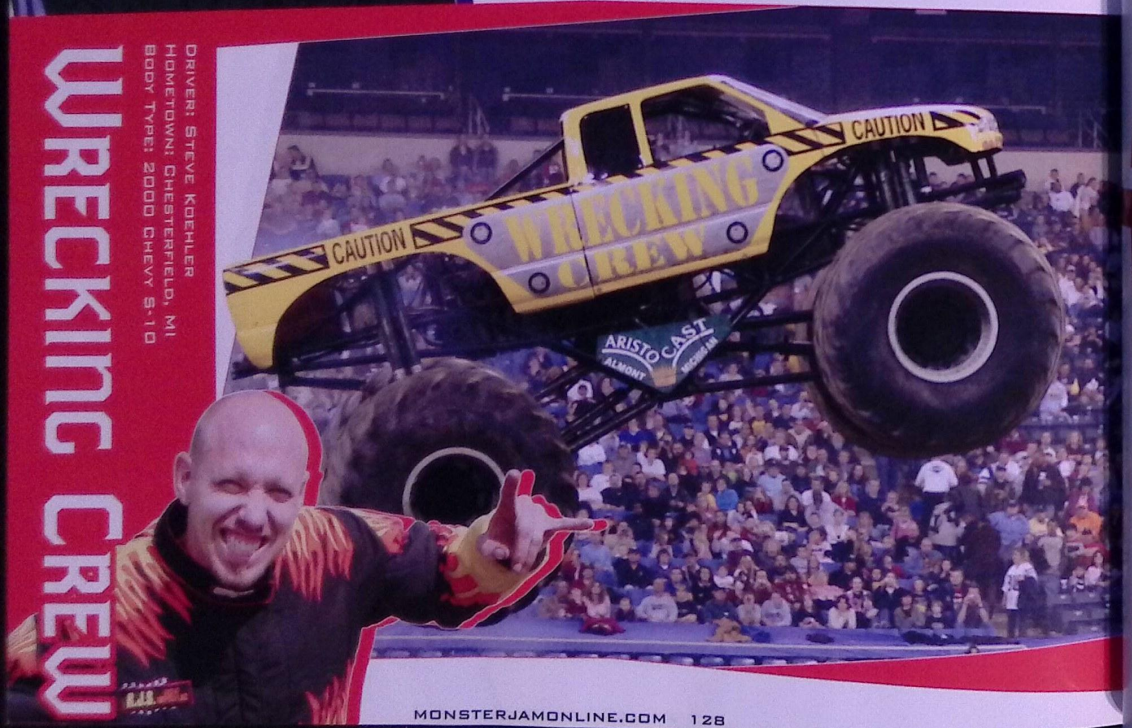
Driver: Randy Moore
Hometown: Bristol, TN
Body Type: 1941 Willy's Coupe

Wild Hair

Driver: Ray Mowery
Hometown: Newport News, VA
Body Type: 2005 Chevy Silverado

Wrecking Crew

Driver: Steve Koehler
Hometown: Chesterfield, MI
Body Type: 2000 Chevy S-10



Television Team

Play by Play: Scott Douglass

For over 20 years Scott Douglass has been entertaining millions of Monster Jam fans around the world, not only as the live event announcer but also as the communicator for a variety of different programs. He also had the opportunity to be the voice behind the new Monster Jam video game produced by Activision. When not working on Monster Jam, Scott can be found hosting the Kentuckiana Motorsports TV show that airs weekly in the Louisville area. Often referred to as "the voice of Monster Jam," Scott is looking forward to hosting another exciting season.

Pit Reporter: Sharra Ferbrache

Sharra may be new to Monster Jam, but not to the world of motor sports. Growing up in the Indianapolis area, Sharra is a fan of both IndyCar racing and NASCAR. She didn't think there was anything more exciting as the start of an Indy 500 race, until she attended her first Monster Jam event. Sharra has hosted several different TV programs for SPEED, Spike TV, UPN and has appeared in various national commercials. Sharra is very excited to be part of the 2008 Monster Jam team. Her enthusiasm and love of motor sports will bring a fresh new look to Monster Jam in 2008.

Color Analyst: Mark Schroeder

Mark Schroeder is no stranger to the world of Monster Jam. He has been driving and maintaining his Devastator monster truck for 13 years. He has also joined the announcing booth with Scott Douglass as an expert analyst on various SPEED TV Monster Jam episodes and, for the last 4 years, has been the live event pit reporter at the Monster Jam World Finals in Las Vegas, bringing all the action from the pits to the fans in the seats. Mark is honored to be a part of the 2008 Monster Jam team stating, "It is a dream come true." Mark's experience and knowledge is a great asset to the Monster Jam programs.

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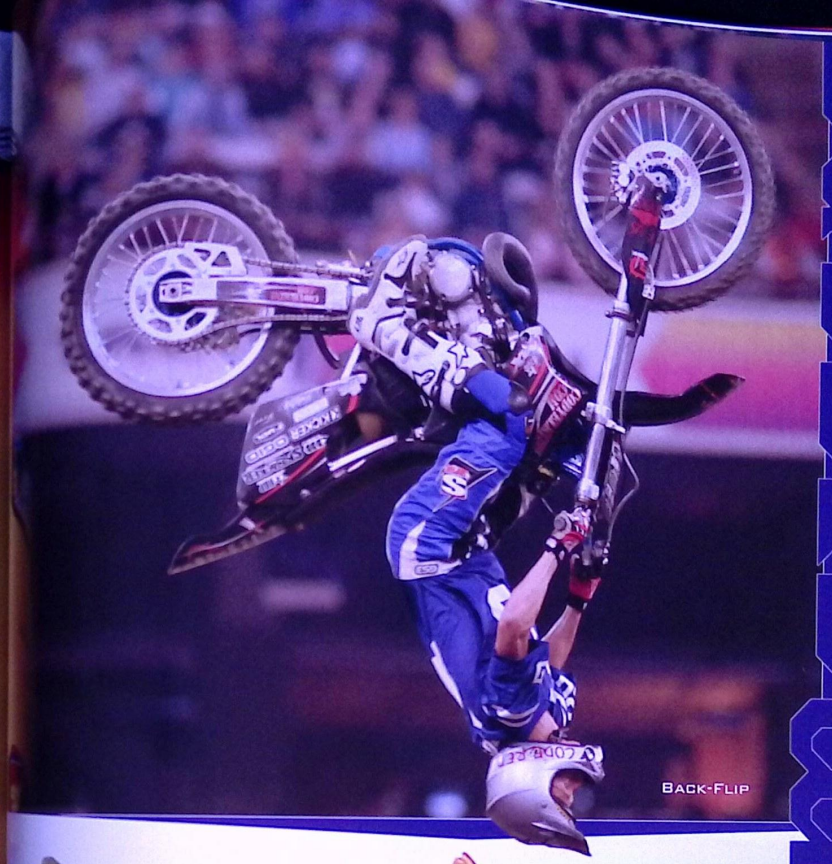

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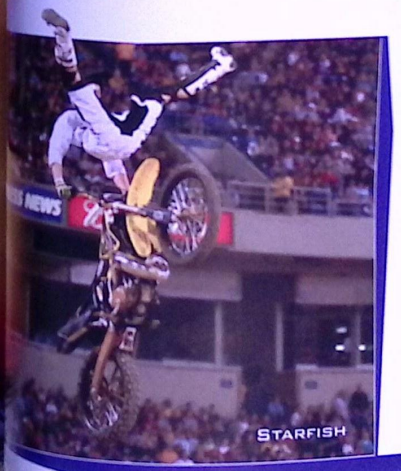


STARFISH

ONE-HANDED SCORPION SEATGRAB

FREESTYLE MOTOCROSS

Freestyle Motocross has become the premier extreme sport on the planet. With a trick list that includes Heart Attacks, the Kiss of Death, Super Nacs and Back-flips, FMX is a feature not to be missed at Monster Jam events. These daredevils feed off your enthusiasm, so get out of your seats and let them hear you.

Pro Trucks is an all-out battle between the East and West divisions. These trucks and SUVs are restricted to mere 366 cubic inch engines, but that does not stop them from achieving speeds of 60 mph and completing a hairpin turn in under 200 feet. With these conditions come danger, which is why the USHRA holds these drivers and crews to a strict standard of safety, and carefully inspects each vehicle before every race. With upwards of thirty competitors at each event, a Pro Truck driver is given only one attempt to gain one of the sixteen coveted racing spots. Because the level of competition is so high, often the difference between number one and going home before the race even starts is only a few tenths of a second. Pictured here are some of the top performers in a group of superstars.

PRO TRUCKS

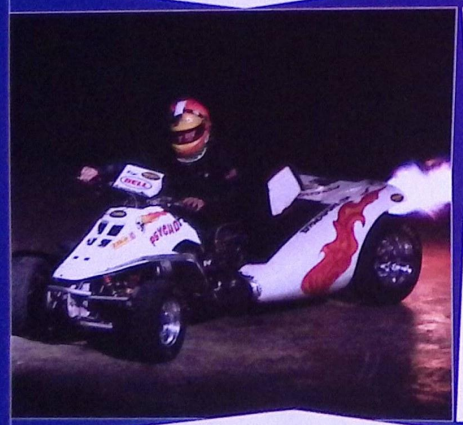
QUAD WARS

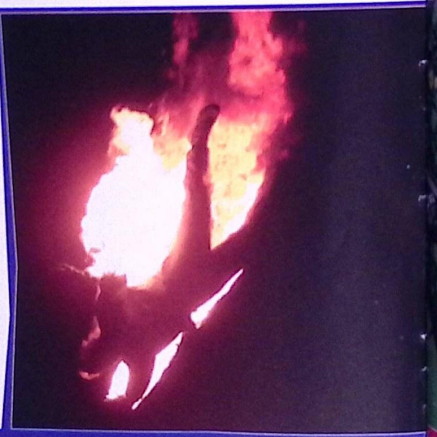
A no-holds-barred ATV team competition that puts man & machine together as one, with your hometown team battling against a rival team. Cheer for your favorite rider or entire team, but hang on, it's going to be a bumpy ride!

COMPETITIONS

Autocross (above), **Demolition Derby** (below)

THRILLS





(Counter-clockwise from top) **Cannon Lady, Jet Quad, High Fall**

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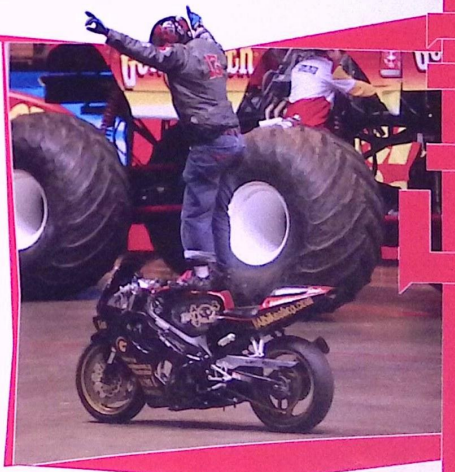

(Counter-clockwise from top) **BMX, The Globe, XSBA**

TRANSFORMERS

(Counter-clockwise from top) **Draco the Dragonator, Galactron v. Reptar, Megasaurus**

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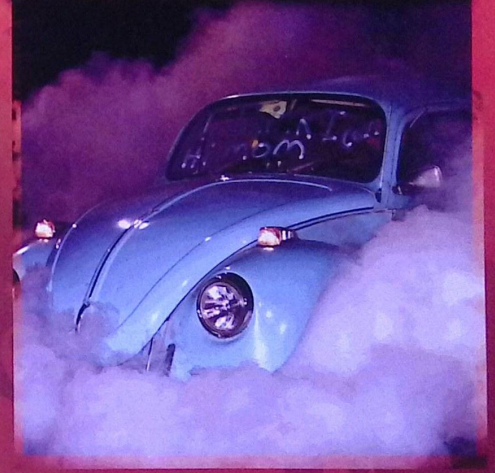

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CROSSBONES QUEST

Across

2. You'll SPOT this driver in her floppy eared dalmatian.
6. This popular D.C. Comics truck is the current Monster Jam World Finals Racing Champion.
8. AAAARGHHH Matey! You might have to walk the plank if you face this truck.
9. Linsey Weenk is the electrifying new driver of what truck?
10. The driver of Cowboy.
11. This truck DELIVERS just like the paperboy.
13. This driver took the 2007 "Rookie of the Year" award.
16. U.S.H.R.A. stands for United States ___ ___ Association.
17. What was John Seasock's first truck?
18. This caveman truck breaks rocks.
19. ___ Outlaw, ___ Warrior.
20. Blue _____, Rolling _____, Tropical _____.

Down

1. This contest's prize gets you a Monster Jam event in your hometown.
3. Your 2007 Monster Jam World Finals Freestyle Champion
4. What sport did Damon Bradshaw compete in before Monster Jam?
5. Brutus has a new canine brother on the Monster Jam scene.
7. Many fans dye their hair green and _____ for their favorite truck.
10. Where is the Monster Jam World Finals held each year?--
12. Rick Swanson drives what truck?
14. This is what covers the floor of a Monster Jam stadium.
15. This new truck will make the fans go bananas.

BUILD YOUR TRUCK

You've seen Maximum Destruction. Monster Jam needs your help for MAXIMUM CONSTRUCTION! In the box below draw your very own custom designed monster truck! Be creative and show us what YOUR perfect monster truck would look like. NOTHING is too crazy for a Monster Jam truck, so go wild! Use the grey lines for help or create a whole new custom body. For added fun draw something for your monster truck to crush. OKAY KIDS, GET TO WORK!

Log onto MonsterJamOnline.com to see how to enter your truck design into a contest for the chance to win special Monster Jam prizes.

MAXIMUM DESTRUCTION

WORD SEARCH SCRAPPAGE

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NINJATURTLE
SAFEAUTO

BULLDOZER VS. El Toro Loco

Find the words in the puzzle above before these crazy bulls shake them to pieces with their high powered race. For added fun, play with a friend. Each Player picks either Bulldozer or El Toro Loco's words. The first player to find all the words on their list wins!

BIGGER WORD SCRAMBLE

PDORTEAR
PREDATOR
9

IRVEGRGEAGD
GRAVE DIGGER
8

CKKHGNUIRN
KING CRUNCH
5

GARVEEN
AVENGER
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TEENRBUUDLH
BLUE THUNDER
3 10

ISBCAKHLMT
BLACKSMITH
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WAR WIZARD
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YRGBOC
CYBORG
6 1

RYRSOEDET
DESTROYER
2

LRPOWRE
PROWLER
11 7

Travis Pastrana's crazy freestyle backflip has mixed up the words above. Re-arrange the letters to spell out the names of the monster trucks. Enter the circled letters into their corresponding numbered spaces below to spell out Travis' secret message.

GO BIG OR GO HOME

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

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